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Dysart reeve's salary jumps to \$22,000

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Remuneration for the reeve of Dysart et al will double in the new year, the new council has decided.

Reeve Murray Fearrey and Deputy-reeve Bill Davis left the council chambers Monday morning while councillors debated what the remuneration for the two positions should be for the next three-year term.

Before the two men left, Fearrey suggested that councillors receive \$12,000 for the year but no extra for mileage. Previously, councillors were being paid from \$8,020 to \$8,800.

Councillor Dan Kay suggested the position of deputy-reeve be paid \$14,000 and reeve be paid \$22,000.

Councillor Bob Nichol says the council is moving toward a time where the position of reeve is going to be a full-time job involving office hours so they should move the salary toward a full-time range.

Councillor Al Ferguson agreed and added that they were not going to be able to attract new young blood to what amounts to a full-time job unless the individual happens to be independently wealthy because no one else can afford it.

Ferguson went on to say that if you do not compensate the reeve fairly then you "get what

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SHERYL LOUCKS/ECHO

Glad to meet you

Jacob Boomhour is not quite four months old but he was calm as a cucumber while meeting jolly old Saint Nick for the first time at the Gooderham community Christmas Party last Saturday. He was also charming all the ladies, getting big smiles out of Cheyenne Graham and Ashley MacDuff, in the background, who were handing out gifts to the children.

School board gives itself some homework

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Writing continues to be "the problem child" for the Trillium

Lakelands District School Board.

Students here score consistently lower than the provincial average in the province's standardized writing tests at the

Grades 3 and 6 levels.

"We have a problem with the writing scores," superintendent Dale Robinson told trustees at last Tuesday night's inaugural

meeting.

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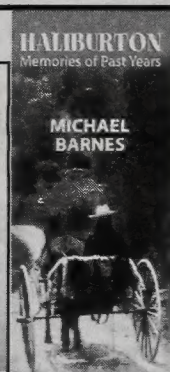
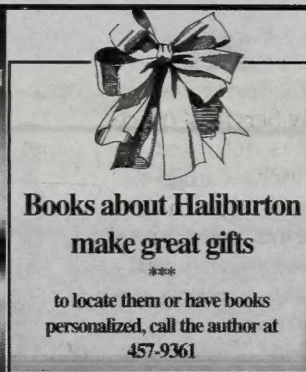
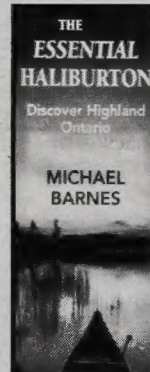
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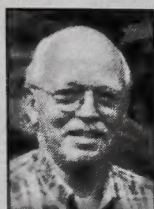
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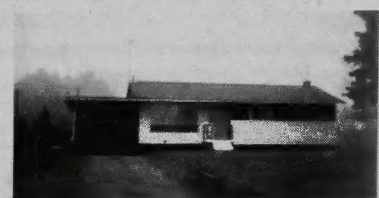


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Fighting for special education

All kids have the right to a good education, legal clinic says at forum

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Every child is special and every child has a legal right to an education, regardless of whether that means sitting in a classroom with 20 or more kids or requiring more personal attention.

This was the key message delivered by Terry Hunter during a recent special education seminar in Haliburton. Hunter is the executive director for the Community Legal Clinic for Simcoe, Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes. His goal is to raise awareness about the clinic's free services since, he says, the clinic is being under-used in Haliburton, where it operates out of Family Services' office.

The seminar was delivered by a panel of speakers that included Ellie Vanhola, a staff lawyer from the clinic, Maureen O'Hara from Community Living, Betty Moore, a resource teacher at J. D. Hodgson Elementary and Shelley Mierle, a superintendent with Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Each of the speakers plays a different role in the complex special education system.

Mierle says there is a step-by-step process to go through. The first is to talk to your child's classroom teacher to see what can or should be done to help the student. Mierle says parents are often surprised to learn the teacher has already changed the student's work or has done something to help them. The next step is to go the principal, then the school's problem-solving team, and then the board's special education department. Beyond that point there are appeal processes in place if parents are unhappy with the decisions made regarding their child's education.

The common acronyms bandied about in special education are an IEP, Individual Education Plan, and IPRC, Identification Placement Review Committee. The amount of money allocated for a student's special education program is called the ISA, Intensive Support Amount.

An Individual Education Plan can be done without going through the identification process. It would involve the classroom teacher, principal and parents agreeing to the plan. Mierle says the local board has "a good track record for working collaboratively with parents." Mierle says some parents are either intimidated by the process of creating a plan or having their child identified for special education so they too might also need help. She says the board's staff tries to assist



This expert panel recently presented a brief overview of how special education works. From left to right is Shelley Mierle, Trillium Lakelands District School Board superintendent, Betty Moore, J.D. Hodgson Elementary resource teacher, Ellie Vanhola, Community Legal Clinic staff lawyer and Maureen O'Hara, Community Living executive director.

parents who have their own challenges in getting through the process.

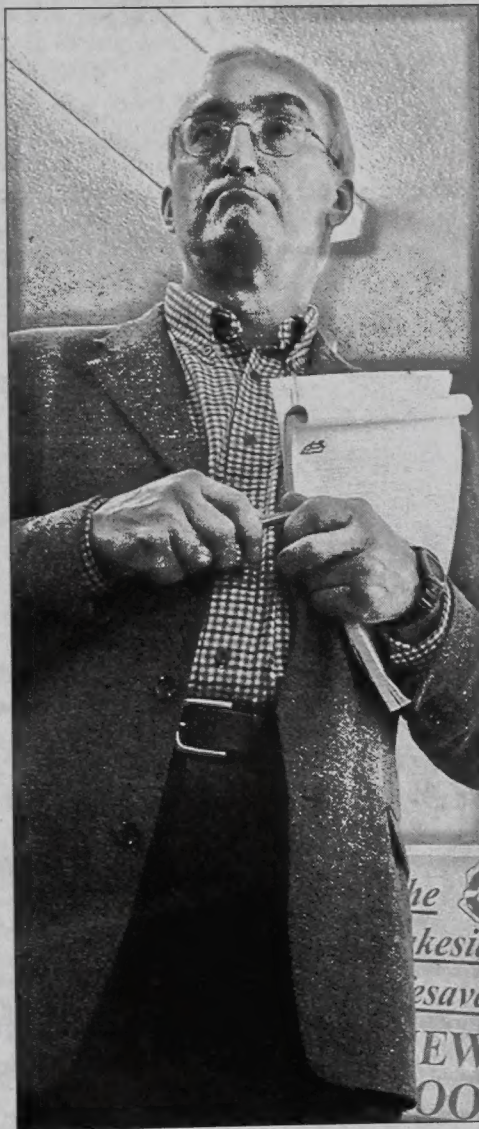
The identification process requires a lot of research. Moore explained there is a classroom phase where the teacher assesses the student, a resource phase where the school's resource teacher works with the student, and a system phase where the board's psychometrist and other specialists such as a speech therapist will assess the child's needs. An IEP is sent along to the identification committee, who then considers the modifications to the curriculum that may be needed, any accommodations such as learning devices or quiet space, strategies, the strengths and needs of the student and the assessments.

The committee will make a decision about all those factors and where the student needs to be placed.

Moore said that, since JDHES is a central school in the county, several programs are located there including a Community Living class for the mildly intellectually or developmentally disabled, a behaviour training class, enrichment classes for students who need more challenges than in the curriculum and a standard resource withdrawal class where she can work with students.

"I never feel alone in my job. There is a wealth of information and help behind me from the board and other community agencies," says Moore.

One of those agencies is Community Living. O'Hara is the executive director and also sits on the Special Education Advisory Committee for the school board. She says parents looking for a way to get more involved in their child's special education can consider either



Terry Hunter says the free legal clinic is being underutilized in Haliburton County.

taking a position on the committee – they are currently looking for parent representatives – or just attending the public meetings to learn more about how the system works.

Ellie Vanhola, a lawyer with the clinic, says they are a parent's last resort. She explained sometimes parents come to them with unrealistic expectations of what a school board should do for their child but often they have legitimate concerns. She says another area they are involved in is fighting the Safe Schools Act since some children who are disabled and unable to control their behaviour are being suspended.

Vanhola says the biggest problem is that research into how to help special needs students is moving faster than education funding. The biggest area is dealing with students with autism. It is very expensive and boards have not been adequately funded.

However, Terry Hunter says the courts are repeatedly saying that "we're not going to allow a disabled child to bear the brunt of that (funding) shortage."

He says the bottom line is that it has been proven that the earlier you help a child with a disability the better.

Hunter says for that reason when a parent comes to them they like to work with schools and boards but are very aggressive because these special students do not have a lot of time.

Anyone interested in more information can go to the school board Web site at www.tlidsb.on.ca or call the clinic at 1-800-461-8953. The legal clinic is free to the public.



Watch for our Christmas Greetings in next week's Echo

Politicians say reeve's job is almost full-time

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you pay for " in terms of someone not devoting enough time or energy to the position.

Councillor Leon Jones noted that some local councils do not elect a deputy-reeve but appoint one just to have equal representation at county council. He says the role of deputy-reeve is not that much more of a time commitment than that of councillor.

The councillors agreed to set the new rate for councillors at \$12,000, \$14,000 for the deputy-reeve and \$22,000 for reeve with no compensation for mileage for any position.

The former salaries were \$11,820 for reeve, \$9,300 for deputy-reeve, \$8,020 for Ward 1 councillor, \$8,410 for Ward 2 councillor, \$8,930 for Ward 3 councillor, \$8,800 for Ward 4 councillor and \$8,800 for Ward 5 councillor.

In comparison, Algonquin High-

lands' rates are \$15,915 for reeve, \$12,735 for deputy-reeve, and \$10,610 for councillor.

Highlands East's rates are currently \$15,000 for reeve, \$12,000 for deputy-reeve, and \$10,000 for councillor; however, those rates are up for discussion at this week's council meeting.

Minden Hills pays \$12,750 for reeve, \$11,700 for deputy-reeve and \$10,800 for councillor.

County Council recently doubled the warden's salary to \$15,000 and increased the councillors' salary to \$7,500.

All of the councils with the exception of Dysart pay mileage and Minden Hills is the only council that pays benefits including drug plan, dental plan and accidental death. Mary Jane Irwin, Minden's treasurer says the benefit policy is new and they have not worked out all of the details yet.

Jim Henwood gets recount

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al has agreed to Jim Henwood's request for a recount of the ballots from the November 11 election in his ward.

The election in Ward 1 generated 365 votes for Bob Nichol, 350 votes for Henwood and 296 votes for Chester Howse. The total number of electors from the ward was 1,037.

The previous municipal act had a formula defining when a recount could be held - a difference of no fewer than 12.6 votes. The new municipal act leaves the decision up to the elected council.

Henwood made the written request for two reasons. The first was that he believed there could be the chance of human error in putting ballots in the correct ward boxes. The second was that "reports from my scrutineers and others that night revealed some inconsistency in the protocol to deal with ballots in the wrong boxes."

Council rejected recounting or sorting through all ballots and Reeve Murray Fearrey says there were only a very few ballots that were rejected - not enough to make the difference in the vote in Ward 1. Fearrey did say there is a problem with



Jim Henwood lost his bid for Ward 1 by 15 votes.

public trust with the mail-in ballots and so he advocated doing the recount of the Ward 1 box of ballots in order to be as transparent as possible. Deputy-Reeve Bill Davis seconded that opinion.

Councillor Steve Pogue said it was a strange thing to leave the responsibility to council to decide whether or not there would be a recount.

Council did unanimously agree to the recount, which is December 17.

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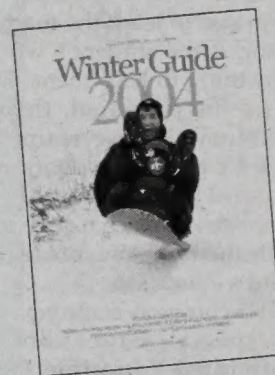
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Dover Spring may be spared the plug

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The question of whether Dover spring will have to be closed, tested or monitored may be able to wait until "another day," Reeve Murray Fearrey said at Dysart et al's inaugural meeting.

There was a discussion by the previous council about how new water regulations and liability would affect the future of the spring. There was talk of perhaps having to close the spring.

New councillor Al Ferguson asked for an update and Fearrey responded that they think at this time the legislation missed it - meaning council won't have to close it to meet regulations.

Water issues were a main part

SHERYL LOUCKS/ECHO



Dysart et al's new council was sworn in on December 1. From left to right are Reeve Murray Fearrey, Deputy-Reeve Bill Davis, and Councillors Bob Nichol, Al Ferguson, Leon Jones, Steve Pogue and Dan Kay.

of the agenda of the first meeting of Dysart et al's new council. Fearrey informed the new members that staff and council have been devoting a lot of energy to water testing. They have hired Lakefield Research to have a look at the water system and tell them what needs to be done.

Bylaw enforcement officer Gary Heads has been trained to do water testing and Fearrey says there is greater a liability

issue if council doesn't undertake testing than having one of their employees test well water on municipal property.

The public washroom in Head Lake Park was discussed. An estimate of \$80,000 to build new washrooms was also debated. Councillor Leon Jones suggested holding off until the spring when they have a better idea of what will be happening with the Rails End Gallery and if there will be public washrooms

there. The suggestion was agreed to.

Another water debate concerned adding water softeners to some of the municipal systems because it could lengthen the life of ultraviolet systems but Fearrey warned that some people don't like the extra salt in the water because of blood pressure.

Yet another water issue was the height of well caps and new regulations requiring that well

tops to be 18 inches above ground. Fearrey said that there are several new well regulations and that they are in the process of trying to get well reports on each of the wells so they know and can prove what work has been done for those sites. It has not been an easy process getting the necessary information.

The discussions around water issues were an eye-opener for new council members who asked several questions.

Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery

This year, 2003, marks a milestone in the history of the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. For 140 years this cemetery has been administered by a **Trustee Board of Volunteers**, including all the work entailed in such an endeavor.

It would seem that volunteers with sufficient time, energy, and interest, are in short supply, and more particularly, for the task of Secretary/Treasurer/Manager. If the occasion arises when a Board of Trustees of a cemetery can no longer function, it behooves the Township/Municipality in which the cemetery is situate to assume ownership and administration of such cemetery.

The current voluntary Board of Trustees has unanimously decided that if a **volunteer** for the position of Secretary/Treasurer/Manager cannot be found, that we should approach the Township of Minden Hills with a view to said Township assuming ownership and management of the Pioneer Cemetery at Ingoldsby, situate in Part Lot 20, Concession 2, Minden Township, County of Haliburton. An advertised meeting of plot holders of Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery, held in the United Church in Ingoldsby, on August 10th 2003, concurred with the decision of the Trustees, with the proviso that the Board continue to search for a voluntary Secretary/Treasurer/Manager. Failing this, the Board would relinquish ownership and management as early as is possible in the year 2004.

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School board lifts travel ban

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Local students will once again be able to cross Canada's borders now that Trillium Lakelands District School Board has lifted a travel moratorium.

The travel ban was put in place last spring because trustees and David Hill, TLDSB director of education, argued that international travel was not safe. The basis of the argument was that Canadians could too easily be mistaken for Americans, who were not very popular in the midst of the war with Iraq.

The board also agreed that travel to the United States was not safe due to the risk of terrorist reprisals and animosity from Americans who were upset that Canadians did not support the war with Iraq.

The ban was to last until June 30, 2004 with the understanding that Hill would report to the board in November with a new student travel protocol and a recommendation.

The ban eliminated the possibility of most schools being able to organize an overseas trip for the year since bookings usually need to be made in advance and students need a school year to raise funds. The ban was also the hardest line taken in this part of Ontario - none of the neighbouring school boards passed a similar moratorium.

Hill did report to the board last month and trustees passed a new travel protocol as well as unanimously voting to lift the ban.

Catherine Shedden, TLDSB communications officer, says that as a result of the new protocol the board is now more strictly differentiating between recreational and curriculum-based travel.

An example of "recreational" travel would be students going to Canada's Wonderland to celebrate graduation. The board would consider such a trip outside of TLDSB jurisdiction and not accept any responsibility for staff or students for any part of the excursion. Another example could be a March break holiday tour.

Another change has the board developing a new list of approved travel companies/agencies. Shedden says they will ask schools to submit the names of companies they normally deal with and the board will vet those agencies to see if they meet the board's criteria. The main criteria will be trip cancellation insurance in instances of political unrest or the possibility of "environmental complications." Travel companies will have an opportunity once a year to get on the list.

When the list is established Shedden says schools will have to use only those approved companies when booking trips. She explained there will not be a set limit for how many companies can be on the list.

Hill stated in a press release that he sought the advice of secondary school teachers "well-seasoned in international travel" and that principals from both elementary and secondary schools were consulted in the development of the new travel guidelines.

Rick Johnson, past board chair, stated in the same release that "there is tremendous educational value in international trips" but also noted he is pleased there is now an emphasis on choosing, whenever possible, destinations closer to the school.

Shedden says she is aware of no plans for any international trips involving TLDSB students but says teachers are invited to submit their requests as soon as possible.

Take holistic approach to a child's development, chairman says

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The school board must take an overall approach to students' growth and, if that includes making sure that students have a nutritious diet then, so be it, says the board's new chairman.

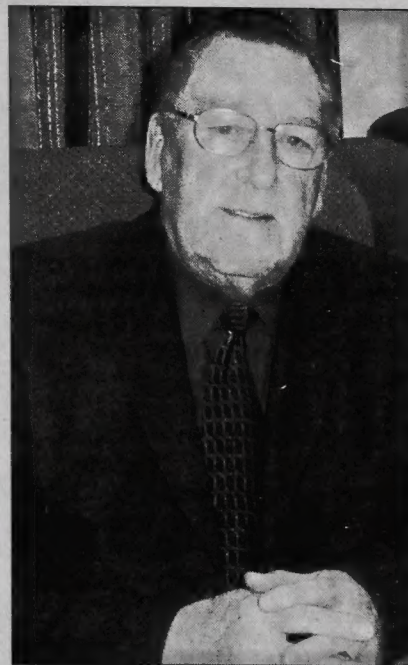
"I've been thinking about where we should be going," Bob Orr said at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's inaugural meeting Tuesday night in Haliburton. "We have to look at educating our students in a holistic way. It can't be what's just happening in the classroom. Nutrition, healthy lifestyles - whatever's best for the students. We have to get into other things, not just the 3Rs."

Orr said Trillium Lakelands is already playing a leadership role.

An example of this is the board's emphasis on apprenticeship, a program he has been heavily involved in.

"With other boards it's not a priority at all," he said. "Anything less than what we're doing now would be a disservice to our students."

Strides must still be made in removing "the terrible" stigmas



Chairman Bob Orr's special interest is apprenticeship.

about the hands-on learning approach. Apprenticeship is not for students who don't do well academically, he stressed. "I thought we were past that," he said of the tendency to think apprenticeship is for students who don't succeed in the classroom. "It's important that we don't relate the two."

While welcoming Orr to the chairman's role, Director of Education David Hill praised the "terrific work" of outgoing chairman Rick Johnson.

"This man's energy level is amazing - but I do notice a few more grey hairs," Hill said. He said that Johnson was always a promoter of Trillium Lakelands. "He's served us tremendously well."



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The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion hosted La Journée de Theatre (The day at the theatre) on Thursday, Dec. 4. There was a series of French performances staged by French classes from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior French students taught by Wayne Cooper. Included among the performances was a group of Grade 9 French immersion students from LCVI secondary. There were two performances, one in the afternoon for students and one in the evening for parents and friends.

Clockwise from top left: Josh Wales shows how to be an aerobics instructor in Le Channel Hopping. The king Danny Bagg and a surprised queen Jasmin Purnell are stunned at the revelation learned in the play Romarine; Cinderella is visited by her fairy godmother who brings her ride for the ball.

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The youth vote

When Fay Martin of Family Services made her presentation to county council about the need to support recreation opportunities for young people, no one sitting at the council table had children who were young enough to benefit from these programs. Only two of the eight county councillors are still working and they're both at the age when they are wondering what to do when they have to babysit their grandchildren.

Is it possible for a group of men, and one woman, of a certain age to understand the needs of children growing up in the Highlands today? Can they be expected to be a voice for young families on council?

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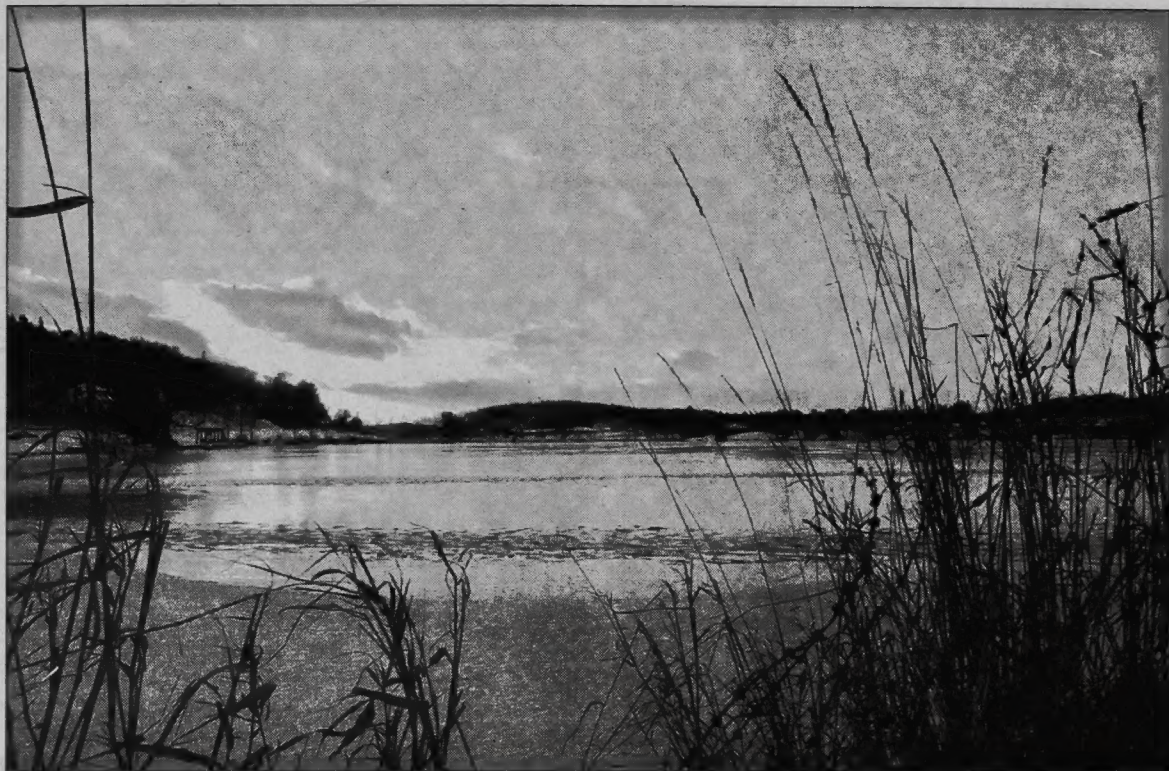
It's not their fault, however, that they, like most politicians in the county, are retired. Few people have the time or mental energy to attend all the meetings and read all of the background materials if they have to work all day. And no matter how much people want to disparage politicians, the time required to sit on council can be phenomenal (if you are committed to doing an effective job.)

Then there are the financial implications. Only if you are self-employed or have a flexible work schedule can you "afford" to take time off work to attend a council meeting. In Minden Hills, one newly elected councillor has asked that meetings be held at night so he can fulfill his obligations to both his employer and the people who elected him. In some quarters his request has been greeted with derision: he knew that council meetings were held during the day so why did he run for office if he couldn't attend the meetings? Why would he want to incur the extra cost of forcing staff to work overtime so they can attend night meetings? Is anyone's brain fully operational at night, especially when the meetings run long?

However, as a letter in this week's *Minden Times* points out, it's not very democratic if working people can't run for council because they can't leave their jobs during the day. We only want retired people running our municipalities?

Another option is to pay the councillors more so that working people can financially justify taking the time off work. This still requires a flexible employer; teachers, for instance, would still not be able to attend day meetings. Those who prefer this option point to another benefit of higher salaries: the job of municipal reeve and deputy-reeve would attract people who were willing to treat it that way – as a job. This would go a long way in attracting younger, more professional politicians. And this county needs them.

It was a retired employee of Dysart et al, Bruce Fritshaw, who once wisely said that if you pay people peanuts, don't be surprised when you attract a few monkeys. Yet many people will be shaking their heads when they read this week's story that Dysart et al council just voted to double their salaries. The reeve will be making \$22,000 a year, which is what many workers in this county take home in a year. But maybe that's the point. When you add in the \$7,500 a reeve gets to sit on county council, that's an attractive carrot. Of course, it could end up being a load of compost, too. You'd have to be pretty committed as a politician to be able to justify to taxpayers that sort of salary. In Murray Fearrey, Dysart does have that person but what about when Fearrey retires? Will the next reeve be as willing to live and breathe municipal politics?



Head Lake

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

Walking on thin ice

I don't know about you, but this outdoorsman owes his wife a lot. Without her continual motivation, I wouldn't be out of the house half as much as I am.

She's constantly telling me where to go and how to get there. More than that, when I'm bow hunting, she even points the way to my tree stands. I just wish she'd use another finger.

Still, I'm a lucky fellow.

Why, just last week when the lake had barely skimmed over, she thoughtfully packed my ice fishing gear and encouraged me to get out there before the crowds. I was actually taken aback by this random act of kindness. You would have never guessed that we had just had a marital spat, I tell you.

Anyhow, though I was pretty sure that the ice wasn't nearly thick enough, she kept up the temptation by reminding me that the drilling would be easy and that I'd have the lake all to myself.

"With such thin ice, there'll be hardly anything separating me from the fish, huh?" I asked eagerly.

"There never was," she muttered. Again, I was thrilled. It's not often she gives me a back-handed compliment.

This got me thinking that I don't take her out nearly as often as I should. So later, on a whim, as we were driving by a lake, I turned right down the boat launch. Actually, since she was driving from the back seat and so keen on the whole idea, I reversed us down the ramp, yelling "Surprise!" all the way. You should have seen the look on her face.

Sad thing is, the ice never held, but as she waded out, at least she knew I tried. I guess my efforts impressed her, too, because she soon got under a blanket and hugged me all the way home.

Of course, she wasn't always so kind or appreciative of my place in the great outdoors. But I think the turning point was last year when, out of the blue, I presented her with a dozen emerald shiners and her very own bait bucket.

Of course, I'd heard that women like subtlety so, just to set the mood, I released the fish into a special candlelit bath that I prepared for her. And though I had been hinting for weeks that

soon she'd be swimming in emeralds, somehow I still managed to catch her off guard. As if that wasn't enough, while she was screaming, flailing and hollering the way ladies do in bath tubs, I put a few squirrels in the frypan for dinner. Please understand that I wasn't trying to make the rest of you fellows look bad, I just thought she deserved a little bit of romance, especially after she took to my defense when one of her friends called me a no-account hillbilly.

Needless to say, all this courtin' had the desired effect. She was speechless for the next month or two. Dad always said no small kindness goes unrewarded.

But I digress. The whole point of this column was to remind people that the ice is risky at this time of year. My guess is that this was what my wife was trying to remind me of in a round about way. Since not all of you are that lucky, however, I'll remind you that this week the OPP is reporting that the ice isn't thick enough to hold the weight of a small child.

Of course, like any cagey outdoorsman, I was thinking I might have found a way around this conundrum. You see, my wife's been losing weight. In fact, she hasn't eaten much of anything since I broiled that squirrel.

the not so great



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Christmas is coming

STEVE STAMPED HIS FEET AND wiggled his fingers inside their gloves, trying to restore the circulation. Some things never change. Whether he was eight years old or eighty, he would always be shivering cold while waiting for a Santa Claus parade to begin. His nose felt as frigid and red as Rudolph's as he stood on the sidewalk looking for his nephew Ian and young children. They were to meet here in front of the restaurant at 2 o'clock, with the proviso that Ian and the kids might be late. And so they were. By now fifteen minutes late, to be precise.

Steve paced up and down the pavement, trying not to look like a grump but feeling cold and damp. The thought of his nice warm wood stove was very appealing at the moment. He didn't expect to enjoy the parade a whole lot; after all, he had grown up in Toronto.



sharon lynch

down
our
road

Now that was a Santa Claus parade. Steve was certain all others would pale in comparison, which was one of the reasons he had never bothered to watch this small and very local version of the big event. But he was fond of his family and happy to help keep an eye on the youngsters this afternoon. His nephew had been a bit frazzled of late, having the children every second weekend and trying to get ahead in his new job. He needed all the help he could get.

The sidewalks were starting to fill up. As he paced, Steve saw many familiar faces appearing beside him and on the other side of the street. Some of them surprised him. People he would never have imagined attending the parade were here. There was the fellow who pumped out his septic tank and one of the town's lawyers, there with his granddaughter. On the corner stood a lad who looked like he was about to lose his pants and wearing an oversized jacket that seemed to be all style and no warmth. But he was here for the parade. He was joined by two of his buddies, similarly dressed.

Steve started looking around for his nephew and crew, hoping they would see each other in the throng. He almost jumped when Ian tapped him on the shoulder, having come right up beside him unbeknownst. The three children looked excited, though it was hard to tell with the youngest. That little guy was bundled up in a stroller so that only his face showed over the blanket that covered his snowsuit. The other two had been sliding with their dad, their cheeks red, their toques dusted with white. They were the spitting image of Ian and he looked ten years younger himself. Kids will do that to you if you let yourself play with them a bit.

There were a lot of people now. Steve saw all manner of styles, sizes, ages and grooming. But what really struck him was the lack of strangers. There were few, if any, visitors in the crowd. They were either born and raised in the area or had lived here long enough to become a fixture. This was a uniquely local event.

For Steve, the best part was the marching bands. There were two from out of town and they were pretty good. But the hometown ones held their own very well and Steve actually felt proud to see them stepping out, looking smart in their uniforms. His old buddy Ed was so intent on his flute that Steve couldn't catch his eye as he marched by.

Every once in a while Steve would look down to see how his great-nephew was doing. The poor child was so bundled up he could barely move. But his eyes followed everything that passed in front of him. This was the first Christmas the boy would understand what was happening. Steve had been invited to spend Christmas day at Ian's. He would have the children for that day before they travelled to their mother's for the rest of the holidays. Steve had already blown the budget on gifts and could hardly wait to watch the kids unwrap them.

The end of the parade was in sight as Steve caught a glimpse of prancing reindeer at the end of the block. Ian pointed it out to the children, who craned their necks around some snowmen, trying to get a better look. Of course the little one in the stroller couldn't manipulate in the same way so he had to wait until the float was practically in front of him before he would be able to see.

Steve scrunched down on his knees so he was at eye level with the child. He wanted to see the reaction when the sleigh went by and to make sure no one moved and blocked his line of vision. Their eyes glued to the man in the red and white suit, the two older children stood motionless, mouths slightly parted as though transfixed. The jolly old elf, his white beard tumbling over the front of his red suit, turned his head from side to side as he waved at the crowd.

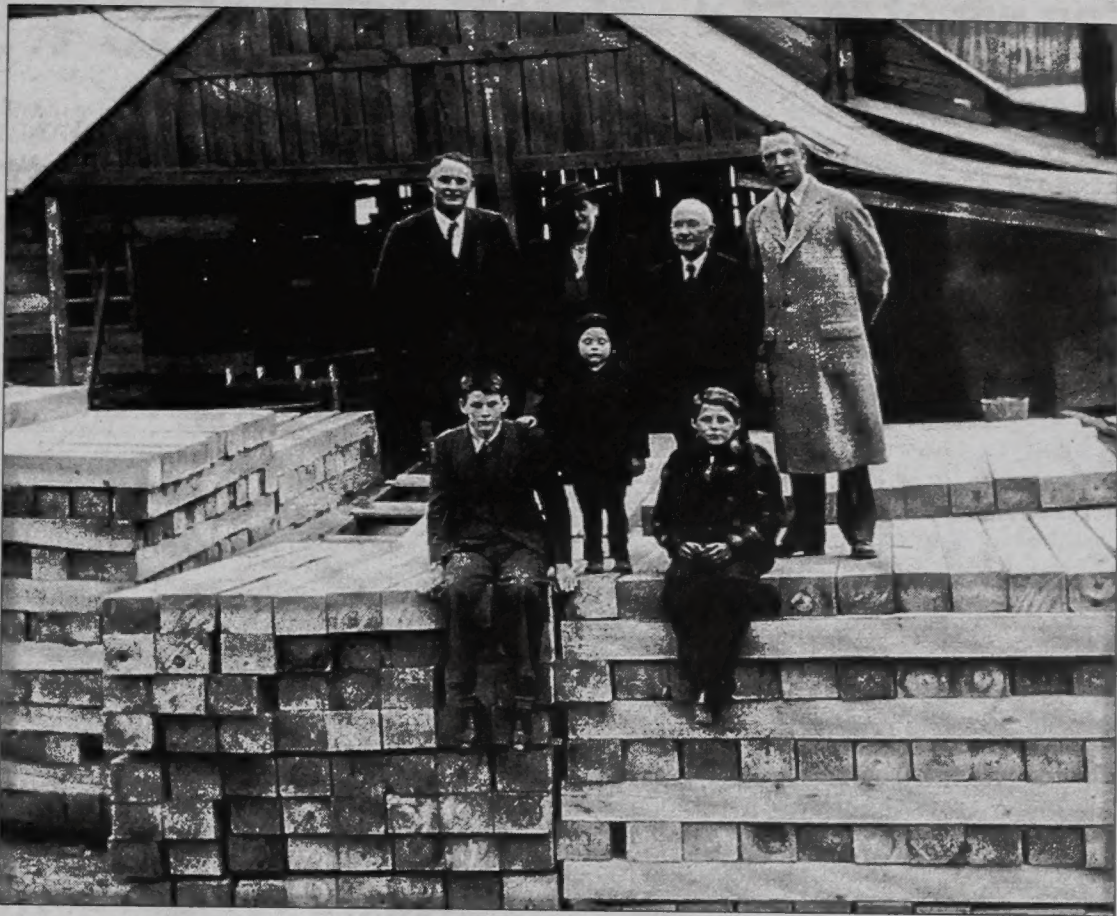
At first Steve was afraid the little one would see only the back of Santa's head but just as the float came into his view, the white and red head turned and sparkling eyes looked directly at the child in the stroller. "Hi Santa!" piped up a small voice, eyes following the face, then the head, as long as he could.

"That was Santa Claus," said Steve, redundantly, to which the child nodded solemnly.

"Yes," he agreed. Then it was all over.

People quickly dispersed, some following Santa to have their pictures taken while others went in search of pickups, cars and vans for the trip home. Still others walked back to their houses.

Steve and company managed to find a table big enough for all of them in the restaurant. As he scanned the menu, Steve realized he couldn't remember when he had stopped feeling cold. It must have been, he decided, when the parade started. Then he remembered that was how it had always been when he was a youngster. It was



pic of the past

By the fall of 1936 Clayton Hodgson's plans to move his lumber mill from the old West Guilford Road (site of the Dysart Dump) to Coleman Lake were under way, his son Tom tells us. Preparations included building a road from the Redstone Lake Road and bridging the Redstone River. The first building put up was the cookery for cook Joe Lucas. Some of the other crew members were Tom Lane (Millwright), Wes Baker (teamster), George Thayer (engineer). By Christmas the mill was up and sawing lumber.

Products from this operation were as varied as white birch (army toboggans), and cedar (Peterborough canoes). An attached picket mill run by Joe Hodgson, Jack Hoxie and Cliff Harvey made chair rungs and broom handles. Perhaps the most dramatic event was an order for flooring for a British dance hall. The lumber was shipped through Boston (a war neutral port) in 1940 and ended up at the bottom of the Irish Sea, compliments of the German Navy.

A very young Glen Hodgson selected 1x4 inch flooring for a second shipment which apparently made it to the dance hall. Alf Hodgson was a local Game Warden. He was the son of Chris Hodgson of Burnt River.

In this photo taken in 1939 at Coleman Lake, the adults are Clayton and Phyllis Hodgson, an unknown man and Alf Hodgson. The children are Glen, Lou and Doug Hodgson.

letters to the editor

No discussion means no action

To the Editor:

Re Family Services debate goes in circles, & editorial: Echo, Dec 2/03

I didn't come to Council to ask them to fill a pothole in my budget, as seems to be the understanding, but to establish the appropriate time and place when I could make a case for redirecting a small portion of the existing Haliburton County Recreation and Culture budget to specifically address the needs of our children to play. I haven't made the case yet. I'm caught in not being allowed to make my case until the councillors feel comfortable with what they may decide once they've heard my case. That's a pretty convoluted way of doing business.

Or, as the situation now stands, not doing business. I can't imagine what is so frightening

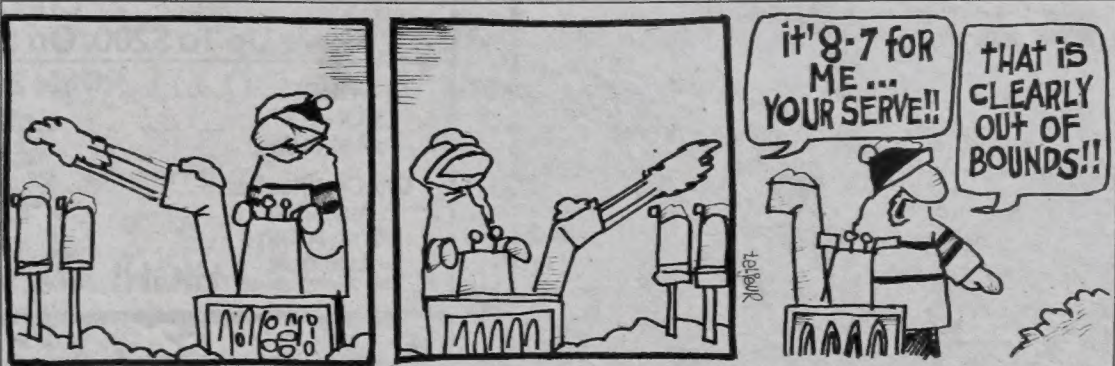
about this potential discussion that it is so relentlessly avoided. It's just a discussion about the value of children to our community, and an opportunity for our elected officials to decide in the public eye what they want to do about it.

I don't expect the councillors to be experts on child development or abreast of the literature, so I gave some evidence of the case to be made for investing in children's play. 1) It's a good economic investment: if children don't play now, we pay later. 2) It's a good social investment: the work of children is play. 3) Children have a moral right -- some would say first call -- to public resources (the value underlying women and children being put into life boats first).

Children are not a social burden; they are the keepers of our future. They are the 21% of our

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Can we at least talk about Child's play?

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permanent population that doesn't have the right to vote, but that doesn't give our elected officials the right to disregard their needs. The Clarica grant demonstrates how much can be accomplished with a \$50,000 budget, less than 1% of current Recreation and Culture expenditure. Continuing the Clarica-funded role is but one of many possible routes to ensuring that our children can play. Can we please move forward to discussing Child's Play in Haliburton County?

Fay Martin, MSW, PhD
Executive Director, Family Services

P.S. Since Sue Ferren's salary has been 'outed' as much as that of county councillors, let me clarify that she isn't paid \$50,000, which is more than the Family Services pay scale for that position. The grant must cover job-related expenses as well.

Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay \$50,000 to get kids to arenas

To the Editor:

Just call me Mike Harris but, after reading your Editorial and "Family Services debate goes in circles", I can't see why taxpayers should pay \$50,000 per year for a person to guide kids to the facilities we all pay for.

Bill Valentine,
Lutterworth

Rail Trail use debate will never end

To the Editor:

Being an avid hiker, mountain biker, snowshoer, snowmobiler and ATVer myself, and having witnessed arguments for all sides, I can assure you that the debate over the Rail Trail will never come to an end. I've been on various multi-use trails throughout Ontario myself and have witnessed first hand the tough challenges that lie ahead for the development of the Haliburton Rail Trail. In a community with such a diverse range of interests, I don't believe however that any one group of citizens should be entitled to, or excluded from, the use of such public lands. I believe that if everybody is taxed because of its existence, then it should be everybody's right to have access to it including ATVers.

From what I've been reading in your local paper, many people seem to be confusing responsible ATVers who tour, attend organized rallies and spend money with the local "kids" who drive recklessly, scare residents, and cost the town money. The problems you have now with the local "kids" are not going to go away anytime soon, but the responsible touring ATVers are already starting to. They're heading to Elliot Lake and Sturgeon Falls where they are welcomed, can enjoy their recreation and spend their money doing so.

It looks to me that, like it or not, ATVers are already a part of the Rail Trail system - just not in the way that people like. Having said that, it is also apparent to me that the rail trail already requires enforcement to ensure courteous use and that there currently is little or no enforcement in place. Logically then it would make sense for your council to formulate a plan to include and control the current ATV situation, because the problem is not likely to subside if you don't, and to provide a trail

that will welcome others who would like to tour Haliburton by ATV and spend money. Most importantly, the plan also needs to include a self-sustaining method of enforcing the trail's policies and ensuring that its enforcement remains constant and continual.

Financially speaking, the people of Haliburton have a unique opportunity to get in at the ground level on becoming a destination for touring ATVers just as Elliot Lake is now becoming. There is a very real lack of touring destinations in Ontario for ATVers and the Haliburton area already has a great number of trails on Crown land that are very usable for ATVers. You only need to tie it all together for success. ATV Touring is in its infancy right now just as snowmobiling was 30-40 years ago and look at how snowmobiling is supporting small communities across Ontario, especially the businesses that support snowmobiling in return.

This past summer I attended a locally sponsored ATV rally in Sturgeon Falls. There were over 300 participants that

weekend and I'm told that event was the second and the smaller of two rallies for the season. The event brought people from all over Ontario, people who most likely spent \$100 per day or more like I did. The entrance fee for the rally alone was \$50 and everyone paid it without hesitation. These people and many more could be spending their money in your town if you'll let them. If Haliburton provides riders with a decent trail system with easy access to food, lodging and fuel, ATV tourists will come. People naturally gravitate to what's easy and convenient and the Haliburton Rail Trail in and out of town is just the ticket.

One final note: The gentleman who stated snowmobiles weren't allowed on the Bruce Trail is incorrect. There are a few sections of the Bruce Trail that I've been on which are on private land and are used concurrently by hikers, skiers and snowmobilers in the winter time.

Paul Wilkinson
Oakville Ont.

Local road maintenance among the best to be found anywhere, thanks to municipal, county crews

To the Editor:

I drive a lot. My job takes me all over central and southern Ontario. Something dawned on me the other night as I swerved and spun my way through Durham Region. The roads in Haliburton County are without a doubt, the best maintained roads in the province. I would like the men and women who work for both the county roads and municipal roads departments

to know that your efforts do not go unnoticed. The sanding, the salting, the ploughing 'til all hours of the night) are truly recognized and appreciated.

Thank you for getting this Dad safely home to his kids, and this husband safely home to his wife. My hat is off to you all.

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CWY visitors grateful to hosts, whole community

To the Editor:

Canada World Youth would like to express a very heartfelt, thankful greeting to each and every one in this community of Haliburton for making our three-month stay here so memorable and enjoyable.

We have enjoyed our experiences in Haliburton so much. This is due to all of your efforts, especially our host families who drove us to all of our functions, and our work placements who helped us learn so much more about environmental issues in this region. We would also like to thank Martha Perkins and *The Echo* who supported our program and published articles about us in the newspaper. That made us feel very special.

The Dysart Municipality graciously let us use the library basement for our weekly meetings. Thank you to all the people who came and spoke to our group about certain topics.

Thank you to all the people who expressed interest in what we were doing and came out to our presentations to learn more. We hope the experience was as meaningful for you as it was for all of us. Now, it is time for us to go to East Africa and continue our learning there. We wish you all the best in the future, and we hope to see one another in the future.

Waithaka Karmushu,
Canada World Youth participant.



The Canada World Youth group say they appreciated the hospitality the community extended to them during their three month stay in Haliburton

Snowmobile Association took lead in county's efforts to get ownership of abandoned CN rail line

To the Editor:

There has been much debate lately regarding the use of the Rail Trail.

It is felt by some that the snowmobile association was given preferential treatment with regard to the use of this trail. However, if history serves me right, if it was not for the snowmobile association

(HCSA), the Rail Trail would not have existed today due to the fact that it was this association that brought the trail to the attention of the county to preserve it and prevent it from being closed.

C. Gerdtschke
Moore Lake

Be wary of motives behind ATV clubs, reader cautions

To the Editor:

Re: ATV Debate

I am writing this letter as a former snowmobiler and concerned ATV owner.

I would encourage anyone who uses an ATV to hunt, fish or for any recreational use, to be wary of the motives of ATV clubs. My experience with snowmobiling is that a bunch of people looking for something to do with their retirement or free time try to organize what people are already enjoying for free on public lands. They charge you a fee (a small one at first). Once they are set up they increase the permit price astronomically and enforce their will with trail wardens (modern day tax collectors). Soon you're relegated to read in a snowmobile magazine how some snowmobile club executive rides glass-smooth trails mid-week, while you're at work trying to pay for your high-priced trail pass, in addition to licence and insurance fees.

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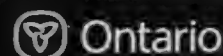


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Titans fall to Red Hawks

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 39
STA 24

The HHSS junior basketball team is showing that their strong performance in the pre-season was not a fluke after destroying the Titans in their home opener on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

After earning a 1-1 record in an exhibition tournament, cut short due to inclement weather, the Red Hawks continued their strong play by soundly beating the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans.

About the only battle the Red Hawks lost in this game was the opening tip off.

In the opening minutes of the game the Red Hawks were tied 2-2. With 6:54 left in the first quarter the Titans had the game tied for a little over a minute and that would be as close as they would come to taking the lead.

Shooting guard Zachary Joanu grabbed a rebound from a teammate's miss and converted a floating jumper for their second lead of the game for the Red Hawks,



HHSS point guard Benton Brown and Zachary Joanu fight for position, employing the team's full court press.

4-2. They wouldn't look back by going on an 8-0 run to the 3:47 mark of the first quarter for a 10-2 lead.

Within minutes of the second lead the Red Hawks demonstrated an impressive display of the full court press that created several turnovers, resulting in a 10-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

With their speed and recognition ability of when to stay or leave their man to support another teammate, the Red Hawks were able to keep the Titans outside the key, forcing difficult shots from outside the perimeter of the key.

Although Red Hawks point guard Benton Brown was absent from the pre-season tournament he didn't appear rusty. He was instrumental to breaking down the defense and helped distribute the ball, finding open teammates after he would break past an opponent to force another player to him. His presence freed up Joanu and Adam Googh to score.

They ended the half with a 12-2 run and left the floor with the score 22-7. The Red Hawks outscored the Titans 12-2 in the quarter.

The Titans came out with a purpose to

make the score respectable. They even went on a 8-4 run in the first three minutes of the second half to get the score 26-15. The Red Hawks soon regained their high level of play and cruised to an easy victory. They finished the game passing the ball around the floor and keeping possession.

Note: Red Hawks leading scorer is Adam Googh with 15 points. Titans countered with leading scorer of the game Justin Duarte with 16 points who even played in the following game against the seniors.

Red Hawks trounce Titans

HHSS 74
STA 29

Finding fault in the Red Hawks' home opener would be like finding a needle in a haystack.

The HHSS senior men's basketball team showed why they could be the team to beat this season as they completely manhandled the visiting St. Thomas Aquinas Titans.

Several long scoring runs added up to domination against the fledgling Titans whose school is barely two years old.

It started with an 8-0 scoring run from the start of the game until 4:54 of the first quarter when the Titans finally found the scoresheet, scoring their first two points.

Early in the game the word sacrifice was a big part of the team's strategy. Red Hawks players such as Ross Gerry, who stood in the key taking numerous offensive charges, and Brad Mickle created turnovers by simply planting their feet and taking hits all over the court. It rattled the Titans' confidence as they became hesitant to take the ball to the hole, settling for outside jump shots for the majority of the game.

As a result, the Titans didn't get their third point of the game until 1:22 of the second quarter when the Titans were sent to the foul line, sinking one of two shots. However the Red Hawks had gone on an impressive 17-0 run just before it. This run was capped off by HHSS forward Daryl Arbour's five points scored in a row.

Even with the bench players on the

floor for the last few minutes of the second quarter the Red Hawks still maintained their defensive pressure despite losing some speed and basketball skills in the offensive end.

At the end of the second quarter, with the score 52-4, the bench got back on to the floor and continued with the enthusiastic play as they demonstrated in the first half. Though less skilled, these players pushed the ball forward and spread the ball around, managing good looks at the basket. The starters didn't return to the floor until 4:36 of the fourth quarter.

The first half was capped off by a 15-0 run to give the Red Hawks a 40-3 lead to take into the second half.

The Titans didn't make a game of it until the waning moments of the fourth quarter when it was virtually over. They scored 17 points in the quarter, but were still outscored by the Red Hawks who managed 20 points in the quarter and were looking like a team ready to prepare for their next game.

This team simply picked up from a pre-season tournament held at home which saw them beat teams by more than 20 points.

Both the junior and the senior basketball teams will be hosting I.E. Weldon Wildcats for the second game of the season starting at 3:30 p.m. with the juniors followed by the seniors on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Note: Centre Brad Mickle led all scorers with 21 points while forward Ross Gerry hauled in 11 rebounds (six defensive and five offensive) and point guard Conrad Flatman had four assists.



DARREN LUM/Echo

HHSS point guard loses the handle on the ball after he was fouled by the Titans point guard in the second half of the Red Hawks home opener.

Storm lose in Silver Stick semi-final

WADE MACINNES

Special to the Echo

Saturday morning in the Dysart et al Arena the Midget AE Silver Stick qualifying tourney kicked off with the opening ceremonies. Haliburton songstress Glenda Burk sang a beautiful rendition of O' Canada. Haliburton's own Mike Bradley from the Grey Cup champion Edmonton Eskimos provided some encouraging advice for the competing hockey players about training, dedication, team play and sportsmanship.

After Bradley's ceremonial puck drop the host Highland Storm team, coached by Jim Winn, Roy Burk, Daryl Moore and Jerry Campbell, squeaked out a 1-0 victory over the Cannington Sabres.

Connor MacMillan's 5-hole marker early in the third proved to be the difference as J.D. Crowe bagged the shut out for the Storm.

At 1 p.m. the Brighton Braves caught the home town Storm with a belly full of grub and no Roloids as they snuffed out the Storm 5-1.

Going into their final round robin game the Storm were trailing Elmvale in their pool by one point. At three points for winning a game, two points for tying, two points for winning a period and one point for tying a period the Storm knew they had to win a period or tie two periods to advance to the semi-finals on Sunday morning. Coach Jim

Winn pumped up his team knowing that in five previous meetings with the Parry Sound Shamrocks they had won two games and lost three.

The home town boys came out flying winning the first period on a goal by Cody Mills assisted by Jon Petch and Mackie Campbell. They slipped it into overdrive in the second on goals from Travis Burk, Matt Moore and Gavin Hicks. Helpers for these tallies came from Bradford Burk, Judd Campbell, Kevin Zilla, Cory Simms, Scott Lewis and Jeff Burk.

The Storm played safe in the third allowing one goal to win two periods and the game 4-1. Their seven-point gain ousted the Elmvale Coyotes from the tourney.

On the round robin point chart the Orr pool had New Hamburg with 22 points, the Highland Storm with 14 points and Elmvale with 8. In the Gretzky pool Brighton had 20 points, Parry Sound had 12 points and Cannington had 7. The stage was set for Sunday morning with the Storm facing New Hamburg and Brighton hooking up with Parry Sound.

In the first semi-final Storm tough guys Dan Riley, Tyler Box and Adrian Winn tried to get the New Hamburg team off their game but their efforts were in vain as the farm boys spanked the Storm 4-zip to advance to the finals. In a post game interview Storm goaltender Andy Dawson said "I thought I had been dropped off in the middle of Spain dur-



Local boy Mike Bradley, a player with the Grey Cup Champions Edmonton Eskimos, drops the puck to start the Silver Stick hockey tournament for the Midget AEs.

ing the running of the Bulls!" as the New Hamburg team crashed the net at every chance.

In the other semi-final Brighton made short work of Parry Sound in a 5-1 trouncing.

The championship game would prove to be a doozie. With two very evenly matched teams the difference would be discipline. The coaching staff for the Brighton Braves must have more wisely instructed their team as the New Hamburg team lost their composure in a 2-2 tie game early in the third period taking eight penalties which cost their team; Brighton scored two late goals to win the tournament.

I commend Brighton for their intelligence and their victory. I also commend

the Highland Storm team for the way that they took their loss in the semis like men. I am very disappointed in the antics of the New Hamburg team which didn't show any class in their defeat. As tournament director I apologize to the County League parents and players who witnessed this team's rudeness. The OMHA has been contacted and hopefully will reprimand these actions.

I would like to thank our sponsors, the Storm Midget AE team parents and coaching staff for all their hard work in running this tournament. In closing competitive sports should include winning with modesty and losing with dignity. Sportsmanship is what it's all about.

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Red Hawks becoming wrestling powerhouse

PAUL KLOSE

Special to the Echo

The Red Hawk Wrestling Team travelled to Peterborough on Wednesday, Dec. 3 to compete at the Kenner High School Wrestling Tournament where more than 280 wrestlers competed at this tournament.

HHSS competitors continue to improve at competitions. There were 14 Haliburton wrestlers who finished in the top four of their respective weight categories. Max Ambridge, Kalem Kyle, Josh Mayhew and Melanie Howitt were undefeated throughout the entire tournament to earn gold medals. Howitt, who is in her senior year at HHSS, con-

tinues to dominate her weight class this region. Silver medallists were Dave Balaski, Brad Brown, Adam DeCarlo, Korey Hissa, and Ted Ecclestone. Ted had his best tournament performance in a highly competitive weight class for a well-earned second place rank. Jackie Grech earned a bronze medal and finishing fourth were Taylor Barton, Tristan Ellis, Scott Lewis and Kyle Austin. The coaches are extremely pleased with the progress of this year's team.

This is the second year that the wrestling program has been offered at HHSS and the Red Hawk Wrestlers have earned a reputation as a competitive club. The next tournament is in Bancroft on Wed Dec 10.



HHSS returns home with opponent's respect and 14 wrestlers earn top-four placings.



Red Hawks roll on undefeated

The Red Hawks senior boys hockey team is enjoying an unblemished record of 7-0 thanks to the depth of the team says head coach Ron Yake.

HHSS forward Matt Roberts helped lead the way with a game winner early in the second period over the Campbellford Flames on the road to preserve the unblemished record early last week.

The Flames struck first with a goal at the 9:11 mark in the first period. Red Hawks forward Sean Keaney got the equalizer with 3:29 left in the first and was assisted by Kevin Walker and Aaron Keaney.

Minutes into the second HHSS centreman Roberts scored the winner on a power play from forwards Keaney and Walker. Roberts and Josh Fick added insurance markers late in the second and third period. HHSS defeated the Flames 4-1.

Yake said the team as a whole, from the

front to the back, have improved their play since the start of the season. The forwards from all three lines are scoring, several of which are among the scoring leaders in the league.

Matt Roberts is 10th in scoring with 9 points (4 goals and 5 assists) while teammates Jesse Johnson, Aaron Keaney and Kevin Walker are in the top 20 with eight points each.

The odd man rushes that were a problem early in the season has been virtually eliminated by the improved play by the defensive corps.

Even with the team's top scorer, assistant Evan Kernohan who had 16 points through five games, miss two games due to pulled muscles in the abdominal area, the team has not missed a beat. Kernohan returned to the lineup against Crestwood Mustangs on Monday, Dec. 8.

Glebe trail opens, sets record

Well, it is time again to get on board the ski club express. Destination: a great winter!

Often at this time of year we are wondering when we will start skiing – not this year! Skiing has already begun!

The winter storm of November 28th dumped just enough snow to create a base, and we were blessed by the weather gods with a good combination of weather to help it solidify into a skiable base. The result: the 1.5km lit loop at Glebe Park was ready on the 29th of November – a new record!

This is not just happy coincidence, either. It has taken a concentrated effort of many years to create smooth trail that is ready to be skied with minimal snow. The ski community began working toward this goal years ago when it seemed like global warming might wreak havoc with our sport.

In addition, one consequence of global warming has been an increase in lake-effect snow throughout December, a side-effect observed by climatologists. This is, therefore, the second consecutive year

when skiing has begun by December first.

This year people can get on snow early, and that means that competitive skiers can begin their training year earlier. Good luck to the young athletes who are part of the HHSS ski team! Vancouver is hosting the winter Olympics in 2010, will any of you be representing Canada? Dream big!

There is a ski-life before and after peak competitive years. The Haliburton Ski Club offers Jackrabbit learn-to-ski lessons, junior racing programs and senior social ski outings.

Best of all, the club has committed itself to making sure that everyone who wants to ski can do so. It offers an economical season's pass, low-cost equipment rentals for kids, and it arranges for volunteer work for anyone who wishes to ski but can't afford the price of a membership—because no one should go through life without skiing.

If you need more information visit www.skihaliburton.8m.com or call 457-5177. Meanwhile, renew your membership, because it looks like you'll need it!

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Blake Paton

Kawartha High School League scoring leaders

Name	Team	g	a	pts
1. Jody Fitzgerald	Rams	13	3	16
2. Luke Moher	Saints	7	9	16
3. Rob Armstrong	Saints	6	10	16
4. Evan Kernohan	Hawks	10	3	13
5. Andy Carl	Saints	6	6	12

Name	Team	g	a	pts
6. Mike Dalliday	Saints	5	5	10
7. Benji Saunders	Hawks	1	9	10
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9. Justin Lothian	Flames	5	4	9
10. Matt Roberts	Hawks	4	5	9

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Sir Sam's receives new additions for 2003-04 season

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The Ski Patrol Room has also received a facelift. With new flooring and freshly painted walls, not to mention more rescue equipment, this group of volunteers is preparing for another season of safe and fun skiing. For information about joining the patrol next season, contact Patrol Leader Ross Pawson at 705.489.3802.

Sir Sam's targets to be open on Saturday, December 13th with weekend skiing until December 20th, then open daily for two weeks over Christmas. For information about skiing at Sir Sam's, call 705.754.2298.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Sir Sam's Ski Area is enjoying an early Christmas with more than ideal conditions for their expected opening day on Saturday, Dec. 13. Co-owner J.D. Bishop mans a snowmaking gun 10 days before the opening day. There are five guns at the area and are capable of covering two football fields in one 24 hour period with each gun converting 500 gallons of water per minute into snow.



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Tax rates may take the bite out of assessment hikes

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Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the November county council meeting.

Although increased property values could put a lot more money into the county's coffers, county councillors did not let out a whoop of joy when treasurer Laura Janke presented the potential windfall to council.

If county council keeps its tax rate the same, the increased assessment could garner an additional \$1-million for the county alone, she said.

However, Janke added, it's up to local governments "to keep these tax rates reduced. We have to be careful not to consider [the increased assessment as] a windfall."

County councillors agreed. They expressed a commitment to lowering the tax rate so that those property owners whose assessment has jumped dramatically will not see their tax bills skyrocket.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said that this year the county did take advantage of some of the increased assessment to add to its budget but that they could not continue doing this.

"We have to be prudent," he said.

As of June 2003 overall assessments have gone up 16 per cent compared to two years ago. Residential property owners are bearing the brunt of the recent market value re-assessment.

When setting a budget, county council looks at how much it has to spend and how much assessment it has to work with. It then comes up with the multiplying factor, or tax rate.

For instance, if the county must raise \$1-million through taxation and properties in the county have a

total assessed value of \$100-million, the tax rate is the amount you multiply the \$100-million by to come up with \$1-million.

If the new assessment was multiplied by this year's tax rate, the county would have an additional \$1-million to spend. But since much of that extra income would be due to assessment increases rather than growth, that means most property owners would simply be paying more in taxes.

ATVs on roads

CAO Gary King would like input from the four municipalities before county council debates whether to open up county roads for ATVs.

For instance, if Dysart et al doesn't want to allow ATVs on its municipal roads, and would also like to keep them off county roads in the municipality, he'd want that to be known before the county makes a decision.

The Haliburton ATV Association has presented municipalities and the county with a list of sections of roads that it would like opened to provide links between trails used by ATVs. Under new provincial legislation, municipalities can agree to or deny this request, or, like Algonquin Highlands, agree to open all municipal roads.

Housing good news

Seniors with low incomes can now apply for assisted housing when they are 60 instead of waiting until 65.

As well, new social service rules will allow people to stay in assisted housing when their financial situation improves. Instead of having to leave an assisted housing facility when they no longer need a subsidy, their rent will be adjusted to their income.

Staffing

Jane Tousaw has been hired to replace Lois Warburton, who is retiring as the land division secretary.

Tousaw has worked for Lutterworth township and is currently working for Lanark. Her job title has been changed to development services officer to reflect the new responsibilities of dealing with the county's first official plan.

Bob English's job title has been changed from manager to director of emergency services for the county EMS. Haliburton paramedic Larry Hartin was promoted to become his non-union operations assistant. Paramedic Ian Douglas has been promoted to take on Hartin's old responsibility as duty officer.

Insurance

The county was warned that a big insurance hike may be on its way. In the past five years, the county has paid \$200,000 in premiums but its insurance company has had to pay out \$500,000 in claims. Most of the claims were from lawsuits over traffic accidents; there was also a claim filed after the county office was broken into.

"They'll be looking for an increase," said King, adding that there have been additional claims since these numbers came in. "We haven't had a good clear record."

Council agreed to stick with its current insurance provider, Jardine, instead of putting it out to tender. After September 11, 2001, there were fears that insurance costs would skyrocket if it went to a new provider.

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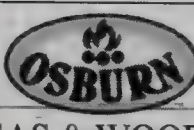
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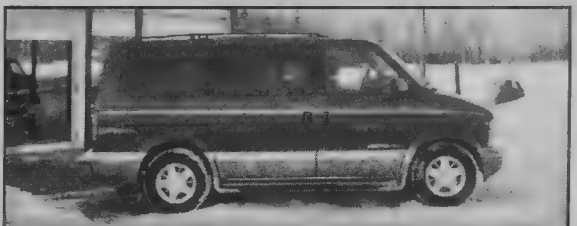
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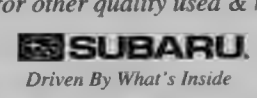
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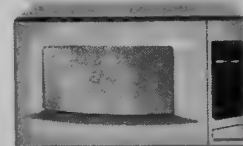
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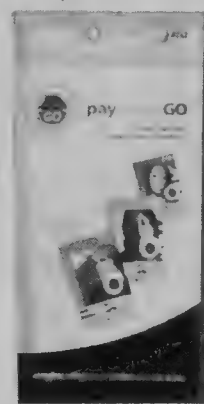
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Board works on improving its EQAO scores

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Level 3 (provincial average) category. However, he also stressed that the board is trying to do something about it.

Consultant Heather Cockburn has been meeting with teachers to go over the skills that students need to learn to do well in the test. By breaking down the skills – think, plan, write and edit – the teachers will be able to focus more on those specific facets of learning.

The board has also devised a test similar to the one the students have to write to give teachers a better idea of the skills required to do well.

Robinson said they are visiting the schools which have higher scores to better understand why. They already know that schools which approach learning on a division basis – kindergarten to Grade 3, for instance – do better than those schools which concentrate on the skills grade by grade.

As well, tips on teaching writing skills have been incorporated into all workshops for teachers.

Robinson praised Cockburn's work in tracking where the problems are and coming up with a strategy to address them.

In his analysis of the overall test results Robinson said, "If kids are learning what's on the curriculum they will do well. If they don't it's not being taught sufficiently in the classroom."

Those who are against standardized testing are not likely to see it abolished. "If you think a change in government will bring a change, it probably won't happen," he said. "Every province has some sort of assessment where students

are tested against a provincial norm."

Although test results for the first year can't really be considered in spotting trends – because the tests were significantly changed in the second year – the board now has three years of statistics to base its decisions on.

Trustee Rick Johnson noted that there can now be tracking of groups of students as they work through the system, not just this year's Grade 3 students, for instance, compared to last year's.

In general, Robinson said in his review, students show "good, solid" reading skills. This is especially gratifying since studies of children coming into the district's kindergarten classes showed they have a language deficit. "By the time they're in Grade 3 they're exceeding the standard. We have a huge emphasis on reading. If you can't read, nothing else will happen. Nothing good anyway."

In Grade 6, scores are only a few percentage points lower than the standard but there has been a steady increase in the test scores over the four years.

He quoted the provincial report which says "Sustainable improvement in student achievement is a gradual process that requires focused and persistent attention over time."

Robinson also said that parents have to have realistic aspirations when it comes

to choosing what stream their child enters in high school.

Of the board's 46 Grade 9 math classes, 26 are for academic (university entrance level) math and 20 are for applied (college entrance level) math. Robinson said the numbers should be a 50/50 split. Too many students are taking the higher-level math courses as a way of keeping the door open to university; college should not be seen as a poor second choice.

Grade 9 math academic scores are "exceptional" but there are too many students in applied math who are under-achieving.

A survey showed that 58 per cent of academic math students say they understand what they're being taught but only 30 per cent of applied math students say they do.

The study also showed that applied math students miss more classes than

academic students.

When it comes to analyzing the results based on gender, Robinson said, "Girls in Grade 3 do much better in writing and reading but the math gap is not as great. By Grade 6 the math gap is pretty well negligible and by Grade 9 they're exactly the same."

The reading and writing gap, however, is still very evident in Grade 6 so the board is examining the type of reading materials it offers.

Robinson gave an anecdotal tale of asking people in the board office what they were reading. All the men were reading non-fiction and all the women were reading fiction. "The division [in reading preferences] was as clear as a bell."

Yet in the classroom, most books are fiction. Reading will be more appealing for boys if they can read non-fiction; more non-fiction books will therefore be purchased.

He noted there is also an erosion in the number of students who respond positively to the statement "I like to read". In Grade 3, 69 per cent of the students say yes. In Grade 6, it's down to 52 per cent. There's a similar drop when children were asked to respond to the statements "I like to write", "I am a good writer" and "I like mathematics."

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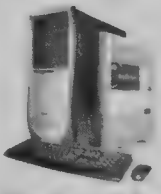
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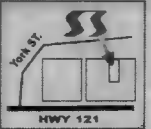
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Mark Coles should enjoy riding his ATV and not try to organize and control everyone else who rides one. Don't fix what isn't broke.

Gary Lewis,
Tory Hill

Legislation on controlling/banning PWCs more complicated than article implied

To the Editor:

The article PWCs make waves on Clement Lake (November 18) gave some information on the private member's bill re personal watercraft which passed the Senate but will have to be re-introduced during the next session of the House of Commons. The article stated that cottagers' associations could impose bans on jet skis and Sea-Doos.

The proposed bill is much more complicated than that. The bill sets out a procedure for municipalities to follow (and other organizations such as cottage associations, port authorities etc. if the Minister agrees that they have the status

of a "local authority"). These local authorities, including municipalities would need to hold good local consultations, get the concurrence of local law enforcement officials, and pass a resolution to restrict (or ban) PWCs in specific local waters, based on health, safety or environmental reasons.

They would have to send the resolution to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. He (or she) would publish it in The Canada Gazette and allow a 90-day comment period (to let people who don't live in the area comment on how they would be affected). The municipality/local area could change its resolution based on comments. The Minister could

refuse to turn a resolution into law if it would obstruct, impede or make navigation, in general, more dangerous. Restrictions would not apply to law enforcement officers. If the Minister refused a request, he (or she) would have to give the reasoning to Parliament.

Most of the above are the same requirements for local communities that want to get a boating restriction regulation, for example, to restrict water skiing.

Arlie Freer
Minnicock Lake cottager

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Bird watchers out for the count on December 14

With the arrival of winter at the end of November, bird activity has undergone a change. This year the wild food crop is much smaller than last year. Most feeder operators are reporting a larger number of birds visiting, especially Chickadees.

Summer and early fall saw lots of Goldfinches, but most of them have moved off southward in search of a more abundant wild food supply. Purple Finches seem to have left almost completely, and very few Pine Siskins remain.

Replacing these small finches are flocks of Redpolls, mostly Common Redpolls, but with the occasional rarer and paler Hoary Redpoll. However, the redpolls have come from the high arctic, and most are not familiar with feeders, so it will take them a while to discover this strange new source of food.

Evening Grosbeaks have appeared at quite a number of feeders, but many

flocks are still on the move. Pine grosbeaks are beginning to show up as well, and a few are already visiting feeders.

The number of Blue Jays around this year is probably less than last year, but most of the ones that are here will be coming to feeders, so it may seem like there are more of them.

Gray Jays prefer habitat that is swampy with tamaracks and black spruce. The southeastern portion of the count circle from Lochlin south through Gelert to Kinmount, east to Irondale and west toward Moore Falls is the prime area for Gray Jays. They will come to hunks of suet or other fat placed out of the reach of mammals. The suet will also attract Woodpeckers and Nuthatches.

Peaks in the population cycle of mice, rabbits and Ruffed Grouse should provide an abundant food supply for hawks and owls.

More water in streams may mean that

Kingfishers and Great Blue Herons will linger later. Birds that feed along stream edges such as Common Grackles and Song Sparrows may be impacted as well.

This year's bird count takes place on Sunday, December 14, which is a change from previous years. This is because the first date allowed for doing a count is December 14, which is a Sunday.

You can help by joining one of the groups out counting on that date (call Ed Poropat at 457-3018), or by reporting the birds you see at your feeder and around your neighbourhood.

The count circle extends from Moore Falls in the southwest to Lochlin in the northeast, from Irondale in the southeast to Bob Lake in the northwest and from Kinmount in the south to Mountain Lake in the north. Birds seen outside the count circle are of interest, but cannot be included in the official total.

Phone 286-1189 between 5:00 and 8:00



p.m. on December 14, to report your sightings. Or send your results by e-mail to dbarry@interlinks.net or mail them to Dennis Barry, Thickson's Point, R.R.2, Whitby, Ontario L1N 5R5; (905) 725-2116

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With her baby sister strapped to her back, a young girl arrives at a clinic in Mozambique where former Highlander Tammy Lee Budwa was volunteering. Some of the medical supplies that she brought with her to this impoverished country were donated by people in Haliburton County. Tammy lives in San Diego where she is an occupational therapist.



Trying to do something, anything, to help

TAMMY (LEE) BUDWA
Staff Reporter

I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT to express my sincere gratitude to all the people who donated supplies and money to our medical team that travelled to Mozambique last month. The generosity of the people of Haliburton County continues to amaze me. Because of you, we were able to treat hundreds of children (and adults) suffering from dehydration, intestinal parasites, malaria,

ringworm, scabies, yeast infections, burns, and a host of other ailments.

In November, I returned home via a scenic 26-hour flight that took me from Maputo, to Johannesburg, to Cape Town, to Cape Verde, to Atlanta, and finally to San Diego... and I have to say it's great to be back!

I'm still struggling to find the right words to describe my experience in Mozambique. It was a strange mixture of highs and lows. The following are some of the people, places, and experiences that made an indelible impression on me:

The HIV/AIDS Baby House: a cement building at the orphanage housing infants and children up to four years old. Cribs lined up in rows. Little children clinging to any part of you that they can grasp (pantleg, shirt, hair, belt, etc.), desperate for a hug or any form of touch.

Singing songs with them, teaching them the Hokey-Pokey.

Trying to stay composed at times when I felt like running out of the building and pretending that I had never seen it.

Trying to be okay with little ones wiping their noses on your pants, coughing

in your face, scratching unidentifiable rashes/bumps, and wanting to brush your hair with a comb that has seen better days. Trying to cuddle five children in my lap at once.

A Joyful Greeting: arriving in a small village about two hours outside of the city of Maputo where the people rushed out to see us and started singing and dancing as we were setting up the makeshift medical clinic (in a structure made out of sticks and grass with no roof).

The Tiniest Patient: a five-month-old

See **What to do?** page 26



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What to do with these memories?

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baby weighing 7 pounds brought to one of our clinics by her young mother.

In Dire Circumstances: a hospital near Zimpeto where four adults share each single bed (they lie cross-wise instead of lengthwise). A doctor visits the hospital one or two times per week. Family members are not allowed to visit. A designated official emerges from the building once per day at 1 p.m. to tell the family members waiting outside whether the patient is dead or alive.

Sandworm Extraction: watching another volunteer have a sand worm pulled out of the bottom of her foot with a needle by a Mozambican man who says "You should be okay now... as long as it didn't lay eggs"

Fear of the Unknown: village children afraid of a green frisbee we brought with us.

Warm Hospitality: a village woman who brought a small wooden table into the structure we were using as a clinic and subsequently spread a tattered (what used to be white) table cloth on it and graciously served us a small pot of rice and fish sauce (complete with fish heads) - reserved for special occasions and celebrations.

All God's Creatures: driving through Kruger Park in South Africa and seeing giraffes, zebras, elephants, baboons, and hippos meandering around in the wild.

Desperation Incarnate: a huge dump, called Bocaria, home to hundreds of people. A massive area filled with mountains of burning trash, choking black smoke, flies crawling everywhere, and smells that take your breath away. People wait for the garbage truck, jump on the sides of it, and then slide down with the garbage when they dump it - hoping to find the best items first.



Villagers welcome the volunteers who arrived to provide much needed medical services at the impoverished village.

The trip was organized by Forward Edge International (www.forwardedge.org). Here are two other aid agencies that are helping the people of Mozambique:
• Project Concern International. www.projectconcern.org 858-279-9690
• Women of Vision www.worldvision.org/womenofvision 949-768-9207

Barefoot children poke around with little sticks.

Song of Hope: waking up in the orphanage at 5:30 a.m. to the sounds of hundreds of children singing joyfully and praising God for a new day.

Simple Pleasures: village children mesmerized (and adults laughing hysterically) as we demonstrate how to use a skipping rope in one of the villages where we did a clinic.

Long Night: lying on the top bunk of a bed about 6 inches from the ceiling under mosquito netting when it was 107 degrees outside at night

A Country in Ruins: driving from the airport in Maputo to the orphanage, seeing burnt-out cars and heaps of stinking trash littering the roads; homes made from scraps of metal and cardboard, women carrying huge tubs of water on their heads and babies strapped to their backs, barefoot children in dirty t-shirts playing in the debris of a 16-year civil war.

Gone but not Forgotten: a sea of little black faces and hands waving and running after the truck as we drive out of the orphanage for the last time and hearing them yell "We will wait for you until you come back!"

It's hard to know what to do with some of these memories. They're a part of me now, but I can't seem to find a good place to put them - they don't fit well in my mind because they don't make sense, and they don't fit well in my heart because they beg for a response, but I don't know how to respond. I am thankful to God for all the things he has blessed me with, and I continue to pray for the people I met in Mozambique.

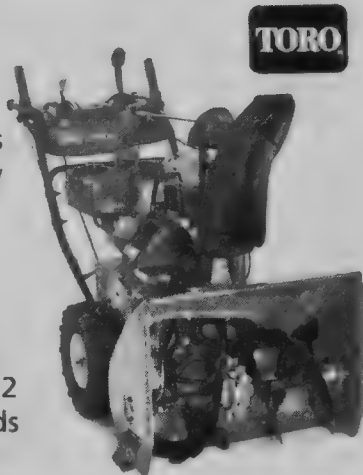
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Tammy Budhwa is an occupational therapist who grew up near Wilberforce.

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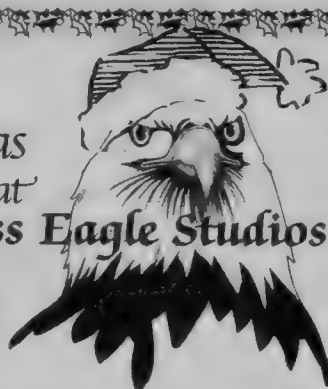
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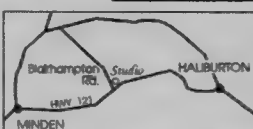


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Community is abuzz with birthday celebrations

Two birthday parties enlivened the local populace on Sunday, Nov. 30th. Ray Sisson's 80th was celebrated at the centre in the afternoon amidst family and friends. Reminiscences were tossed around in happy conversation, pictures of older times were displayed, refreshments were enjoyed, (chiefly the birthday cake) and "Happy Birthday" sung. Kristine Sisson, Ray and Norma's eldest, congratulated her father in a loving tribute which was echoed in the hearts of the rest of the immediate family: Karlene and Laverne Cooney, and their family, Aletha, Sydney and Mekenzy, and Bryan and David Cooney, also Debbie and Darren Sisson of Corbyville, Ont. The party expressed the affection and regard with which Ray is held in the community.

Carol Duncan's party was a surprise in a way which wasn't quite intended. Her copy of the Echo fell into her hands a couple of days prior to her party,

announcing that it would be held at her place on the 30th. Of course her family had it planned in advance, Laurel Yateman from next door, and Heather Harrington from Calgary whose arrival really did surprise her delighted mother. Many were the friends and relatives who dropped in to greet the guest of honour whose actual birthday is on Christmas Day. Again, at this party, the refreshments and decorations added to the happiness of the occasion. May Carol and Ray both enjoy more years of health and happiness.

Every year, usually on the first Wednesday in December, an event is held at Zion United Church called Christmas in Carnarvon. It is a pot luck program made up of presentations by representatives of each of the denominational congregations present. We were treated to some excellent music, readings, and skits, some thoughtful, reflecting the meaning of the

season, some funny, but all enjoyable, beginning with the popular Trivocals and ending with a beautiful Benediction by the Eagle Lake women and a selection by those in the audience who had sung in the Messiah Choir. Those present from Guilford were Kay Morrison, Ann McIvor, Alice Jones, Shirley Sisson, Kathleen Owens and myself. Kathleen and I played a piano duet we learned a loo-ong time ago called "The Arrival of Santa Claus". Elinor Hamilton was our informative and entertaining M.C.

Two other celebrations occurred on Dec. 6, the first for Lois (Boice) Dugan on the occasion of her 75th birthday, the second for Kay Morrison's retirement party.

Many were the friends and family who gathered at the Centre on the Saturday afternoon to wish Lois well. Her daughter, Judy Johnson and Jean Hancock and her son Barry Boice and families were there in full numbers. Lois' sisters, Marlene Schell and Eileen Stamp also came. Food was supplied in abundance, pictures taken and guest

book signed. The event was an absolute surprise since Lois thought she was coming to the family Christmas party.

The numbers spoke of the affection and warmth in which Lois is held by the community.

Kay Morrison's retirement party at Halimar included Joan and Peter Dawes, Joan and Ken Noble, Bill and Jane Johnson, Roxanne and Dennis Casey, Donna and André Gagnon (Donna becoming Kay's replacement in the office), Adam Hagerman there with his parents, Curtis and Brenda Eastmure, Christopher and Dianne Greaves, Lindsey Coates and Ernie Wherry, Earl and I, and of course Perry with Kay and all of their family, Nora and Steve Lay, Jean Morrison and Gerald, Barb, Seth and Danika Morrison. Shawn Hagerman organized the event and M.C.'d the speeches, so much fun for all. Lots of laughter spoke well for the good wishes showered upon Kay and the conviviality amongst the guests.

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Raven Lake and Bentshoe Lake campers penalized with hefty fines

Campers have been fined a total of \$1,750 after pleading guilty to leaving garbage and camping gear on Crown land.

Michael Irlam, 25, of Oakville, Michel St. Cyr, 27, Jacob McFarling, 26, and Joel Proulx, 28, all of Barrie were each fined \$250. St. Cyr was fined an additional \$500 for traveling on a closed road.

Court heard that the group left garbage on a Crown land campsite at Raven Lake, Sherborne Township,

Haliburton County after a weekend of camping on September 13 and 14. A chain had been cut from a locked gate that restricted motorized vehicles from this area.

In a second case, court heard that a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Conservation Officer received a complaint from the public about camping gear and litter being left on a Crown land island on Bentshoe Lake, Hindon Township, last August.

Gheorghe Hristu, 58, of Scarborough, who had been camping on the island, was fined \$250.

Justice of the Peace D. Jackson heard these cases in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on December 4, 2003.

The public is encouraged to help protect its natural resources by reporting natural resource violations to the local MNR office, or anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Two anglers net \$1,500 in fines

Fourteen smallmouth bass discovered in cooler

Two Mississauga men have received fines totaling \$1,500, for catching more fish than allowed.

Court heard that last July 20, a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Conservation Officer checked two anglers at Head Lake, Laxton Township, City of Kawartha Lakes. The men had packed 14 smallmouth bass in a cooler, eight fish over the legal limit.

Joao P. Monteiro, 74 was fined \$1,200. He also forfeited the bass and his fishing gear.

Antonio Madruga, 64, was fined \$200, plus another \$100, for angling without a licence.

This case was heard by Justice of the Peace D. Jackson in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay on November 28, 2003.

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Hunter makes \$2,000 donation

Shooting two elk during the recent deer hunt has cost a Maple man \$2,500.

Antonio Vacca, 55, pleaded guilty to unlawfully hunting elk contrary to The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and was fined \$500. In addition to the fine, Vacca made a voluntary \$2,000 donation to the Bancroft/North Hastings Elk Restoration Committee.

Court heard Vacca had been deer hunting on November 10 in Cashel Township. He shot what he believed was a doe and fawn white-tailed deer. Unfortunately, it was a cow and calf elk.

Vacca immediately turned himself in to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The cow elk was part of a herd released in the Bancroft area in 2001. The calf was born last spring. These animals are protected under provincial law and cannot be hunted.

Justice of the Peace M. Robbins heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice at Bancroft on December 2, 2003.

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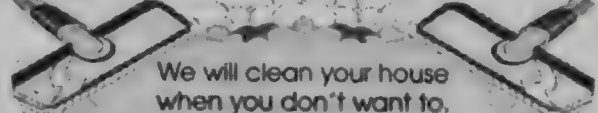
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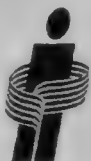
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Army Cadets earn their promotions

2nd Lt. C. McKENZIE

Special to the Echo

Fourteen members of Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp #1129 were called from the ranks on Tuesday Nov. 25th by their Commanding Officer Capt. Dan Collings to receive well earned promotions. Promotion in the Canadian Cadet Movement is based on training level achieved and merit.

Those promoted included: to Private - C. Callaway; V. Lawr; to Corporal - K. Dobson; S. Bonham; C. Mitchell; N. Nesbitt; S. Foster; to Master Corporal - J. Chislett; to Sergeant - T. Hogan; T. Lumley; to Warrant Officer - S. Chow; A. Leahy; and to Master Warrant Officer - M. Flowers and R. Mitchell.

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APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Collins:

- Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of a lot for seasonal residential purposes.
- Zone change from "RU" to "SR1-5".
- Location: Part Lot 9, Concession 1, Dysart Township (Koshlong Lake).
- This application is a condition of application for consent H-055/2003.

2. Lands of Gruber:

- Purpose and Effect: to clarify the permitted uses on a seasonal residential parcel so that it is consistent with surrounding properties. Please note that this parcel has existing development rights.
- Zone change from "OS" to "SR".
- Location: Part Lot 1, Concession 2, Harburn Township (West Lake).

• **IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed zoning by-law does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

• **FURTHER INFORMATION:** including the draft by-law and is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

DATED this 8th day of December, 2003.

Patricia Martin,
Municipal Planner

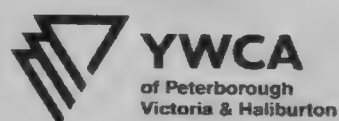
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The YWCA Women's Resource Centre, at Halco plaza in Haliburton announces some staff changes:

- The Women's Counselling & Well-Being Program wishes Pat Brown, Clinical Therapist, a reluctant farewell. Pat will be retiring in the New Year and venturing on to pursue her interests in art.
- Welcome to Joelle Shen who has been hired as a new Clinical Therapist. Joelle is an Art Therapist having worked with abused women & their families.
- We also bid a farewell to Lesley English, Program Leader for our Peaceful Schools program. Lesley offered anti-bullying programs in the schools which will continue in the New Year.

ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WILL BE CONTINUING AND WE WISH EVERYONE A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH PEACE.
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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON Roads Department

NOTICE TO MOTORIZED SNOW VEHICLE OPERATORS

The County of Haliburton has enacted By-Law No. 2954 under the authority of the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act R.S.O. 1990 Chapter M44 Section 5, which restricts the operation of motorized snow vehicles upon the serviced roadway, except to cross, on the following County Highways:

County Road No. 21 Highland Street
(formerly 121 Minden to Haliburton)

County Road No. 121 Snowdon Road
(Minden to Kinmount)

County Road No. 503 Furnace Falls Road
(formerly County Road 503)

County Road No. 507 Buckhorn Road
(formerly County Road 507)

County Road No. 648 Loop Road
(formerly County Road 648)

Gary King
Chief Administrative Officer



PUBLIC NOTICE

Ratepayers and Supporters of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board can find copies of the Board's 2002/2003 Audited Financial Statements posted on the web site at www.tlidsb.on.ca

The following 2002/2003 financial statement package is available:

- Auditors' Report
- Balance Sheet
- Revenue Fund, Statement of Operations
- Capital Fund, Statement of Operations
- Reserve Funds, Statement of Continuity
- Notes to the Financial Statements

Further information can be obtained by contacting Susan Kirkpatrick at Trillium Lakelands District School Board

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Rinse the leaves briefly. Put them in a two-cup teapot. Pour in boiling water and cover. Leave to brew 5 minutes, then strain into a cup.

Ginger and Mint Teas

A handful of fresh mint leaves

1-inch piece of fresh gingerroot peeled and thinly sliced. Briefly rinse mint leaves and put in a two-cup teapot. Put the ginger in a small saucepan with 2 1/2 cups of water. Cover and boil for 5 minutes. Pour the liquid over the mint and cover. Leave to infuse for 5 minutes, then strain into a cup.

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1 egg beaten

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2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa

1 tablespoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

3/4 cup low fat or 2% milk

1/2 cup dried cranberries

2 tablespoons chopped walnuts

Cream the butter or margarine, sugar and orange zest together in a large bowl until light and fluffy.

Whisk the egg until frothy and add to the creamed mixture a little at a time, mixing well.

Combine the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and baking soda, and stir into the creamed mixture. Add the orange juice and milk then stir in the dried cranberries and walnuts. Spoon into greased muffin cups and bake in a preheated oven at 400° for 25 minutes, until well risen and firm to the touch.

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Closing Date

December 19, 2003 at 2:00:59 p.m. Local (North Bay) Time.

Inquiries

Susan Rancourt, Regional Property Office,
1-800-461-9547, ext. 6815, or at 705-497-6815

Special Notes:

- The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
- Bidders on a suspended list will have their tenders rejected and returned unopened.
- Tender forms may be obtained from the Shared Services Bureau, Strategic Procurement Branch, 200 First Ave. West, North Bay, ON P1B 9M3. Telephone: 705-494-3157/3160 or Fax: 705-494-3161.

Pour de plus amples renseignements en français, veuillez composer le (705) 494-3160.



INVITATION

The Council of the
County of Haliburton

cordially invites you to attend their

INAUGURAL MEETING

to be held on

Tuesday, December 16th, 2003

at 7:00p.m.

In the County Council Chambers

11 Newcastle Street, Minden,

Ontario



Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria
ACCESS CENTRE

The Haliburton, Northumberland & Victoria Long-Term Care Access centre is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, with a mandate to provide community-based health care services in a three County area. The Haliburton, Northumberland & Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre is seeking an experienced Graphic Designer and Communications Specialist to help develop and implement its communication plan.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

6 MONTH CONTRACT

January 5, 2004 to July 2, 2004

Reporting to the Director of Clinical resources and Partnerships, the Communications Coordinator will develop a communication strategy and create materials to promote a recognizable image of the Access Centre within the communities it serves. This position is based in Lindsay, but considerable travel to other offices in Haliburton and Northumberland Counties is involved.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Those attending an interview will be requested to bring a portfolio.

Please respond by December 19, 2003 to:

Carol Jenkins, Manager, Human Resources
Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre
108 Angeline Street South
Lindsay, Ontario
K9V 3L5
FAX: 705-324-1932
E-Mail: Carol.Jenkins@hmv.ccac-ont.ca



The Council of the County of Haliburton is seeking Letters of Interest from individuals willing to serve on one or more of the following Committees or Boards

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Environment and Planning Advisory Committee
- Haliburton County Library Board

Letters of Interest must be forwarded to the attention of the County Clerk and be received at the County by **Tuesday, December 16th, 2003.**

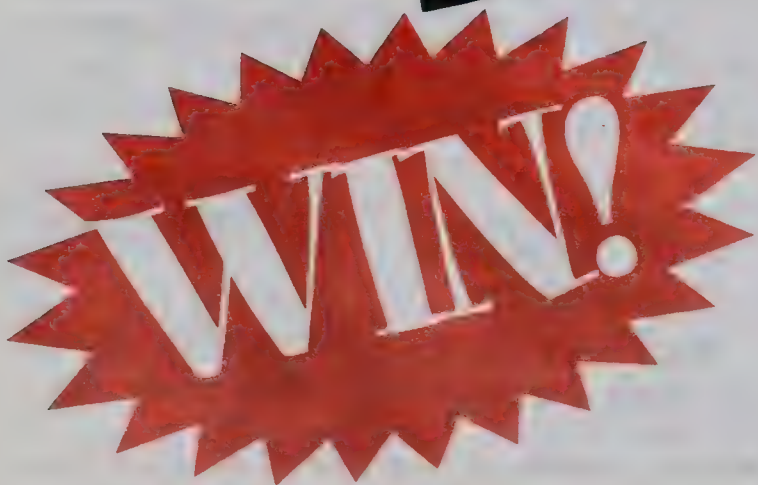
Letters may be hand delivered, faxed or e-mailed to the attention of

Gary King CAO/Clerk
County of Haliburton Administration Office
Box 399, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Telephone: 286-1333 Fax: 286-4829
E-mail: gking@county.haliburton.on.ca



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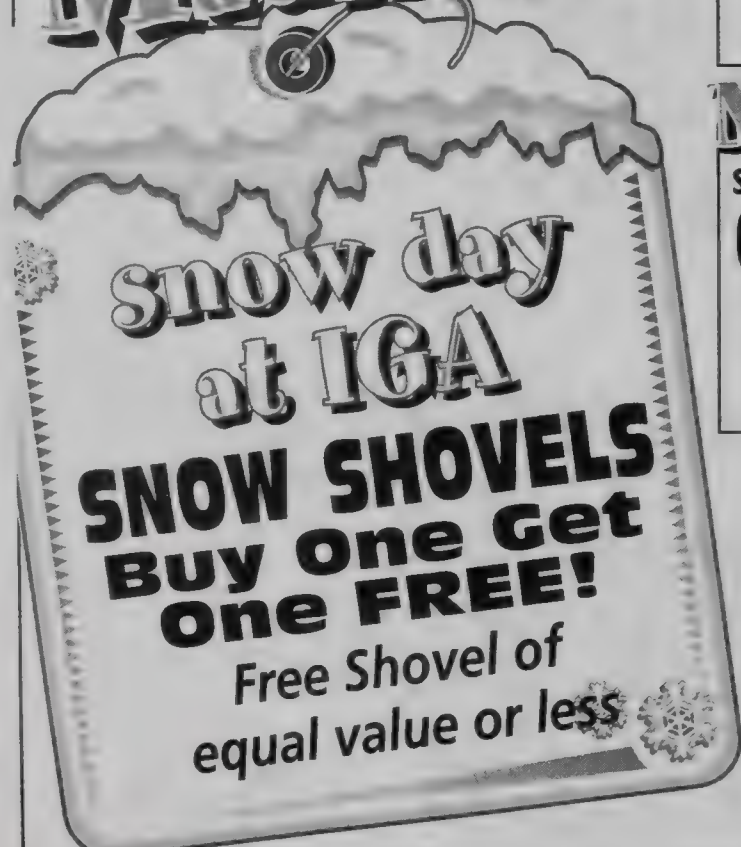
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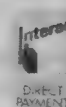
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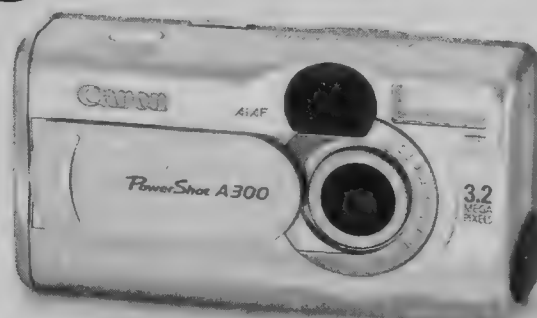
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Wild Game Dinner attracts a full house

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but the moose tasted good in at least three different meat ball dishes. Some diners also enjoyed the vegetables and cabbage rolls as well.

An overflow crowd attended the early sitting and there was a full house at the five o'clock presentation. A good selection of pies topped off another successful Wild Life Dinner.

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

Congratulations to the Wilberforce Pathfinders and their leaders Kathy Rogers and Mary Barker for organizing the Christmas Craft Sale on Saturday at the LWM Centre. A good opportunity for vendors, both private and groups such as the United and Anglican

Churches and the W. Heritage Guild to sell their wares and raise funds. The Pathfinders did a great job of welcoming people and providing for their needs! Thanks so much.

We mentioned last week that Christmas Day dinner will be available at the Cross Roads Cafe between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sue Ellison and her mom Dorothy Rivers have been cooking up this meal for several years so that people with few or no family and friends need not be alone on that special day. If you plan to join in this meal please call Sue at the restaurant to reserve your place by December 15. The number is 448-3858. They need to get a handle on numbers in order to have

enough food prepared and not have to turn anyone away.

they are providing this turkey dinner for only \$6.00. How very generous of all concerned.

The Outpost Museum hosts the annual Christmas Open House again this Thursday, December 11 from 1 to 4 and 7 to 9. Drop in for hot apple cider, tea and sweets and to enjoy the natural decorations.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Carol Rogers of Harcourt who died on Sunday, November 30, 2003. She will be greatly missed by husband Bill, son Steve (Kathy), son Jamie (Karen) and grandchildren Amanda and Crystal.

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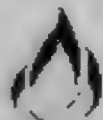
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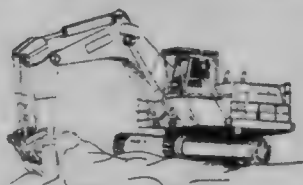
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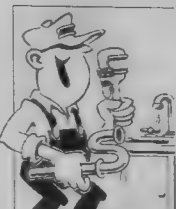
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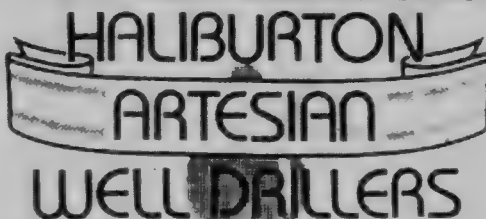
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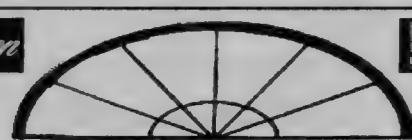
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Animals can be focus of life-long dreams fulfilled

The other night I was awakened by my little grand daughter's screams. As I went to her she buried her tousled head into my chest and hugged me tightly. I rubbed her small back, consoled her and finally she lifted her head, looked up at me with her great big blue eyes, and pointed Heavenward. In a sobbing, sleepy voice, she gave me her three-year-old version of what was frightening her. "My dog died. Mommy carried TeT[her version of Tierney] out the door. My dog is a star in the sky."

In order for Rachel to understand where Tierney had gone my daughter, Dawn had told her that Tierney had died and was now a star in the sky and Rachel could look up and see her whenever she wanted. She reassured her that Tierney's death had nothing to do with anything Rachel had done or said. However, Rachel's nightmares continue. Rachel and Tierney had developed such a positive relationship and in Rachel's short innocent life, her pet dog had become to mean so much to her giving her so much joy. She often talked to her dog making her special make believe culinary delights, covered TeTe up in her favourite blanket and babbled many stories to her from her story books.

As Rachel calmed down, I thought about my daughter Dawn and how her

love for pets had grown over the years and when it came time to choose a career, she chose the veterinary field. She also enjoys the comfort, love, loyalty and affection that pets such as Tierney have to offer. Her life is full as she works and cares for animals on a daily basis. My thoughts wandered to another young mother and her daughter and how they share this same special bond with their pets. That young mother is Tammy Donaldson and her daughter Jocelyn.

Tammy's love for horses began when she was just six years old. Tammy's parents, knowing that taking care of a pet can be a very positive experience for a child, reminded her in a gently, not scolding way, that animals, like people, need food, water, shelter and exercise. They knew that a child who learns to care for an animal, and treat it kindly and patiently, gets invaluable training in learning to treat people the same way. By the age of 10, Tammy had to prove responsibility and build a shelter for her intended horse. She made a deal with Chester Schwandt and he would leave pieces of lumber aside for Tammy to drag home on her bike. She would ask for chipboard, nails and help for Christmas and birthday gifts.

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harcourt

Valerie Smith

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Terry Donaldson with one of the mechanical horses that she and her sister Tammy will once again take to the Royal Winter Fair

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- **Now until Dec. 20:** The Boyd Heritage Museum presents its annual Gallery of Gifts in the Art Room of the Bobcaygeon Library. Unique handmade items by local artisans. Everything from silks to jewellery, glass to pottery plus much more! Saturday, Dec. 6 Open House with spinning demonstrations from 1-4 p.m. Gallery of Gifts is open during regular library hours, Dec. 2 until Dec. 20.
- **Dec. 9: Minden United Church - Blue Christmas Service** at 7 p.m. Come for a meditative service to offer to God through music and prayer your pain & desire for healing.
- **Dec. 10: Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fashioned Carol Sing"** - Wednesday at 7:30, Church Rd. off County Rd. #1, Lochlin. Refreshments, hot cider and Christmas goodies following. Donations to the Food Banks gratefully accepted.
- **Dec. 11: Royal Canadian legion, Branch 129, Haliburton - General Meeting**, Thurs., December 11th at 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 11: The Canadian Federation of University women's Club Christmas Cheer Meeting** on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. is at the home of Helen Baker on Robertson Rd. in Haliburton. Each member is asked to bring a small sampling of something sweet or savory to share with the group. Come and meet members, plan for future directions and enjoy an evening of fun. Questions? Call Helen 457-3322.
- **Dec. 14: Ecumenical Community Carol Service at Wilberforce United Church** on Sun., Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Special musical presentation by the Community Choir and the Gentlemen of Song. Refreshments following. Everyone welcome.
- **Dec. 14: (Advent III - Joy) White Gift Sunday** and Lessons and Carols Service at 9 a.m. presented by the Zion United Church Choir; Cantata Service at 11 a.m. by the Minden United Church Choir.
- **Dec. 14: Kinmount Santa Claus Parade** - Sunday, Dec. 14th, 2:00 p.m. Main Street, Kinmount. Floats to assemble by 1:00 p.m. at Tim-Br Mart Lumber. For further information call 488-2635.
- **Dec. 16: Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Alzheimer Office in Haliburton**, "Tips for an enjoyable holiday season". Tues., Dec. 16, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For info. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, 457-8335.
- **Dec. 18: Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Hyland Crest, Minden**, "Tips for an enjoyable holiday season". Thurs., Dec. 18, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For info. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **Dec. 18: 10:30 a.m. Christmas Potluck and Santa Visit** - Ontario Early Years Centre will supply the Turkey. Bring your favourite dish to share. Call Wendy for details 457-2989.
- **Dec. 19 - Jan. 5/04: Ontario Early Years Centre** (formerly CHACE), Haliburton, will be closed from December 19th and reopening January 5, 2004.
- **Dec. 21: (Advent IV - Love) Lessons and Carols Service** at 10 a.m. presented by the Maple Lake United Church Choir.
- **Dec. 24 to Jan. 5/04: Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Alzheimer Office in Haliburton. Office will be closed** from Dec. 24th at noon until January 5th, 2004. For info. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **Dec. 24: (Christmas Eve) Family Service at 7 p.m.**; Communion Service at 9 p.m. Both services are held at the Minden United Church.
- **Dec. 24: (Christmas Eve) Eagle Lake Church** welcomes - Youth Voices age 7 and up are invited to sing at Christmas Eve Service. Call Laurel McCauley, 754-1658. Also adult voices for choir call Marie Wallace, 754-2648.
- **Dec. 28: Joint Service** on Sun., Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. at Zion United Church.
- **Jan. 4: (Epiphany) Joint Service** at 11 a.m. at the Minden United Church.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Famed jockey Sandy Hawley tried a new kind of horseback ride

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She worked hard and by 12 years old, she had earned ownership of her own horse. After school Tammy would like to have just gone for a ride but she needed money to keep her horse so she used her horse to deliver newspapers at night. Her love for horses never waned, and after completing high school, she had a dream. She wanted her own riding stable. This she has accomplished with South Algonquin Trails.

However, there was yet another exciting dream -- to be part of the Royal Winter Fair. Yee-haaa! Tammy first visited the Royal Winter Fair when she was just 12 years old and this past November she and sister Terry, along with friend Melissa Morose, spent an exciting 10 days taking in the sights, sounds and excitement of this world's largest indoor combined agricultural, horticultural, canine and equestrian event. It was a long 10 days of hard work from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., introducing their equine simulators to more than 5000 riders of whom over 80% probably had never ridden a horse. She loved the kids, whom she referred to as "jumping jacks" as they excitedly got up on the simulators. The line never stopped and is it any wonder when you consider there are more than 340,000 visitors to this event, with 50,000 of them school children?

Anything exciting happen for Tammy during this 10 days? Yes, none other than world famous jockey Sandy Hawley rode the simulators side saddle and Tammy got her picture taken with him. In addition, on media day City TV interviewed her.

Another very special highlight for Tammy was raising and donating over \$4,500 the Ontario Therapeutic Riding Association, which promotes riding as a therapeutic, recreational and sport activity for children and adults with disabilities through the use of simulator horses. As the recipients develop mobility, balance and co-ordination, they also gain independence and a sense of achievement.

Tammy, Terry and Melissa worked while daughter Jocelyn and friends Kristy Smith, Kathryn Martin and Reba Clark enjoyed such wonderful things as the RCMP Musical Ride and the Royal Invitational Professional Rodeo. For Tammy, when she looks at her daughter Jocelyn it is like turning back the clock. Jocelyn is another young girl who loves her pet and has a dream. Jocelyn is excited about the up coming London Can Am Show in March and really wants to ride a "Tennessee Walker."

As you can clearly see, pets can fill many needs and they can symbolize many things to each of us. They can fill many physical and emotional needs -- physical activity, comfort contact, unconditional love, loyalty, playmate and affection. A pet may represent the innocent child in us or it may reflect the ideal mate or parent, ever faithful, patient and welcoming. Love for pets can be passed from parent to child and love for pets can grow into careers. Something both Dawn and Tammy and their daughters have learnt from their pets is that when

they are having a bad day, their dog or horse is always there for them, silently waiting, with a gentle nuzzle. If only people could be the same?

As I look at Rachel now sleeping in my arms, I hope her mother's pain and grief will soon pass and they together will be able to select and accept another pet doggie in place of their TeTe.

What do bruchetta, beef skewers, Caesar salad, lasagna, tea, coffee, lemon snow, chocolate chip cookies, 14 dinner guests, an awesome teacher and 11 very nervous students have in common? This was the menu prepared and served by Laura Willis' students at the Highlands Community Learning Centre. The high ceilings of this 77-year-old building formed a perfect backdrop for the decorative Christmas table and fine food. A great job was done by Laura, Sharon and students,

Best wishes for a very speedy recovery go out to Joyce Packard and Norman Hughey who are at their homes recovering from surgery. Get well soon. Best wishes may be sent to Beatrice Hughey at Extendicare Nursing Home, Park Street, Haliburton.

Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Carol Rogers, wife of Bill Rogers of Harcourt. Carol will be sadly missed by her son Jamie and wife Karen and two grand daughters, Crystal and Amanda, and by son Steven and his wife Cathy.

Carol, along with husband Bill and sons, have been an integral part of the Harcourt business community since 1975 when they purchased Ridgeview Restaurant. In 1985 they moved to their present home site and founded Roger's Auto Wreckers. Carol was as a woman to be admired and respected, as she did not take motherhood lightly. Her love, devotion and compassion for her family were highly regarded by all that knew her. She will always be fondly remembered by family and friends.

The Christmas holiday season is fast approaching and plans are underway for the Loop Children's Christmas Party to be held December 14 at the Lloyd Watson Centre following the Christmas Parade. All children are welcome to visit Santa and tell him what they would like to have for Christmas and all children 10 years and under will be presented with a gift from Santa. Therefore, parents from The Loop - Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Harcourt and Highland Grove - please plan to bring your child out to visit with Santa. Parade begins at 12:30. Visiting with Santa follows.

December 14: 7 P.M. Harcourt Chapel's children and youth will put on a Christmas program. Following presentation, gifts and treats will be provided for children.

December 31: New Year's Eve Dance at Harcourt Community Centre. Cost of tickets are \$30.00 a couple and are available for sale for those who like to plan ahead and do not want to miss this special evening of dancing, party hats and buffet dinner. "Classic Country" will be on hand to help you welcome in the New Year.



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450 IN MEMORIAM

COWAN, MARILYN - There is always a place for you at my table, You never need to be invited, I'll share every crust as long as I'm able And know you'll be delighted There is always a place for you by my fire, And though it may burn to embers If warmth and good cheer are your desire The friend of your heart remembers! There is always a place for you by my side And should the years tear us apart, I will face lonely moments more satisfied With a place for you in my heart! Marilyn, you were one of a kind and we miss you! With Love as always, **Brian and Darlene Madill, Tracy, Teresa and Andy.**

COWAN, MARILYN - In memory of a wonderful caring wife, mother and grandma who passed away December 11, 2002. Always a smile, instead of a frown Always a hand, when one was down Always true, thoughtful and kind, Wonderful memories, she left behind. A million times I've needed you A million times I've cried, If love could have saved you dear, You never would have died. Things we feel most deeply Are the hardest things to say, My dearest ... I loved you In a very special way. If I could have one lifetime wish One dream that could come true, I'd pray to God with all my heart For yesterday and you. Lovingly remembered, forever loved **Russell.** Tenderly we treasure the past with memories that will always last. **Love Paul and Kim Lauren, Adam, Jeff and Hilary, Chris and Kim, Brady and Paige.**

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DAWSON, CLIFFORD - In memory of a dear father who passed away Dec. 12, 1997. In our hearts your memory lingers, Always tender, fond and true; There's not a day, dear father, We do not think of you. Sadly missed by daughter **Kathy and son-in-law Keith.**

440 THANK YOU

JOHNSTON, GLEN MICHAEL - In loving memory of a dear brother who passed away suddenly Dec. 5, 1989. We mention your name and speak of you often. God bless you brother, you are not forgotten. Memories keep you near and not a day passes that we don't think of you. Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard but always near. We love you and miss you so much. Sadly missed and always remembered by **sister Lynda, Blake, Preston, Ruby and Whitney.**

JOHNSTON, GLEN MICHAEL - In loving memory of a dear brother Glen Michael Johnston who passed away suddenly Dec. 5, 1989. Your presence we miss Your memory we treasure. Loving you always, Forgetting you never. **Sister Carolyn, Brad, Mike and Jason.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST NORMA J. BURK

Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, December 6, 2003. In her 62nd year.

Beloved wife of Neil, dear mother of Andrea and her husband Lee Donaldson, Andrew and his wife Tracy. Abby and her fiancé Chad Cadieux. Loving grandmother of Aaron, Andi, Jaxon and Maddox. Dear sister of Patricia Raymond and sister-in-law of Betty and her husband Gerald Hicks and fondly remembered by her nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Monday, December 8, 2003 for a Memorial Visitation from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. A Private Family Service will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Christmas Gift Basket Campaign for either the 4C's or the Minden Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.

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WEIR, ROBERT - Son of Caroline French (Murray), passed away November 25, 2003, peacefully at Norfolk General Hospital in Simcoe, Ontario after a lengthy illness. Cremation has taken place.

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WINTER, CECIL B. - At Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, December 2, 2003 in his 70th year. Close Companion of Doreen Wood and former husband of Doris Winter. Loving father of Brenton (Carol) of Milton, Sally-Ann of Haliburton and Tim (Leah) of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Danielle, David, Nathan, Samantha, Darien, Megan and great grandchildren Aidan and Benjamin. Dear brother of Kester, Hartley, Garfield and Paul. Predeceased by his brother Alvin and Christina. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, December 4, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday morning, December 5, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Interment was later at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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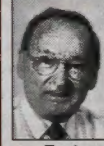
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